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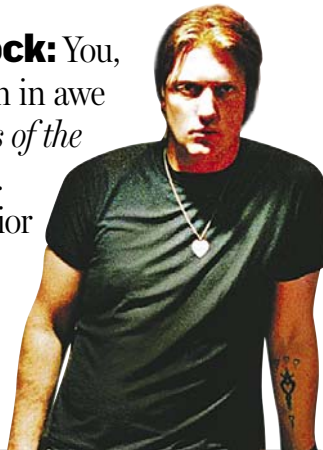


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Schiavo Appeals Rejected

Parents of brain-damaged woman vow Supreme Court fight

PINELLAS PARK, FLA. | Terri Schiavo's parents saw their options vanish one by one Wednesday as a federal appeals court refused to reinsert her feeding tube and the Florida Legislature decided not to intervene in the epic struggle. Refusing to give up, Gov. Jeb Bush sought court permission to take custody of Schiavo.

The desperate flurry of activity came as President Bush suggested that Congress and the White House had done all they could to keep the severely brain-damaged woman alive. Supporters of Schiavo's parents grew

increasingly dismayed, and 10 protesters were arrested outside her hospice for trying to bring her water. As of Wednesday afternoon, Schiavo had gone five full days without food or water; doctors have said she could survive one to two weeks.

"Please, someone out there, stop this cruelty," Mary Schindler said outside the Pinellas Park hospice. "Please let my daughter live."

The Schindlers have vowed to take their



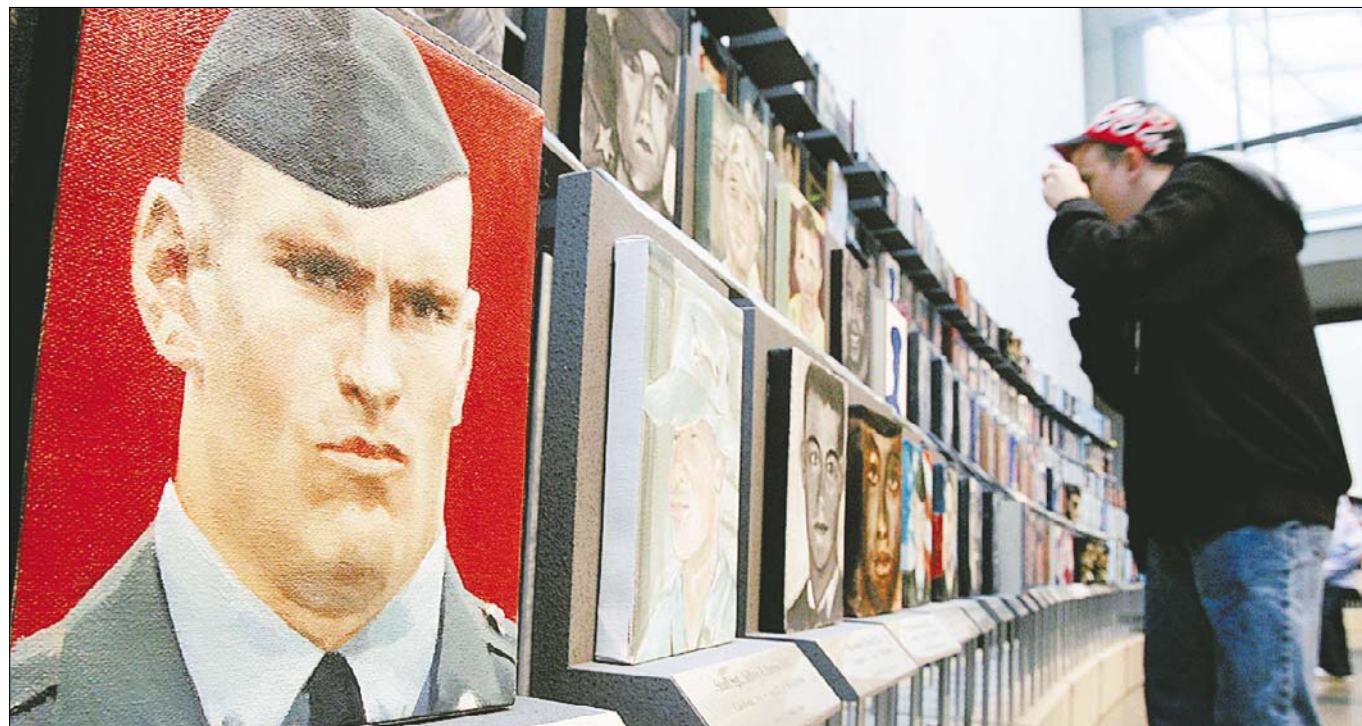
Schindler

fight to the U.S. Supreme Court, which refused to get involved. Republican leaders in Congress were preparing arguments for the Supreme Court in support of the parents.

Schiavo's husband, Michael Schiavo, has argued that his wife told him she would not want to be kept alive artificially, and a state judge has repeatedly ruled in his favor. JILL BARTON (AP)

Ongoing coverage: The latest on the Schindlers' expected Supreme Court appeal | washingtonpost.com

MEMORIAL | INDELIBLE GRIEF



FACE TO FACE: A portrait of Patrick Tillman, who left the NFL to become an Army Ranger and died in action in Afghanistan, is among more than 1,300 on display at Arlington Nation Cemetery. The exhibit, "Faces of the Fallen," honors U.S. military men and women who died in Iraq and Afghanistan.

ALARMS | Hell on Wheels Smack the snooze button so often the alarm is pointless? Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Media Lab has just the thing. "Clocky" is an alarm on wheels that lets you snooze once, then rolls off the



table and zips away to another part of the room, the New Scientist reported. If you want to go back to sleep the next time it goes off, you'll have to find it first. And every day it finds a new place to escape to. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

eyeOpeners

CARCASSES

Aged Like Fine Swine

When campus neighbors complained about Mountain State University students' forensic projects — publicly decomposing pigs — the Raleigh County, W.Va., solid waste authority came to the rescue. Instead of leaving swine carcasses in the open or trunks of cars, hanging them or setting them on fire, students studying

what happens to decomposing bodies can now do all that on wide open spaces at the county landfill. School officials say the pig project is one of many tools to teach crime scene investigation — since the school doesn't have access to cadavers, it re-creates crime scenes with the dead pigs. Students then collect entomological evidence such as worms, beetles and flies to determine how long the carcass had been decomposing. (AP)

CRIME

Rock Candy

A first-grader in Chicago found 40 small bags of crack in his school bookbag Friday and allegedly handed the drug out to his classmates, thinking they were candy. "He was a darling little child; he had no idea of what he had," said school superintendent Dollie Helsel. Police said that the child lived

in a house where drug deals take place, and that the boy was told the bags in his home contained candy. Someone in the home was likely using the bookbag as a hiding place for the drugs, officials said. The child has been relocated while officials look for the relatives he was living with, WBBM-TV reported.

Police said no one was harmed in the incident.

(AP/EXPRESS)

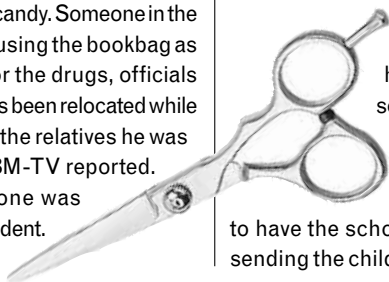
BARBERING

That's 10 Cents a Hair

Sally Miller might have been grateful if her 8-year-old son had come home from school with a nice-looking haircut. But when he showed up with "next to nothing" on his head, Miller threatened to sue. The school district in Wilsonville, Ore., agreed last month to pay Miller \$10,000 because a school employee cut the boy's hair without permission. Miller said she was "shocked" at first and embarrassed because she didn't have the money to get him a haircut. But, the more she thought about it, she got "mad" that the school would take such an "invasive" action, she said. Miller said she tried to keep her

son's hair looking neat by brushing his hair daily. The school superintendent said last week that the proper action would have been

to have the school cover the cost of sending the child to a barber. (AP)



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TRANSPORTATION

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FOOT FUNK: Noah Nielsen, 10, won the National Odor-Eaters Rotten Sneaker Contest in Montpelier, Vt., Tuesday, beating six other contestants. His secret weapon: not wearing socks — ever. “Human feet shouldn’t smell that bad,” said judge Bill Fraser.

New Army Recruiting In a Slump

Officials say service is likely to miss goals for 3 straight months

WASHINGTON | The Army expects to miss its recruiting goals this month and next and is working on a revised sales pitch appealing to the patriotism of parents, Army Secretary Francis J. Harvey said Wednesday.

Whether that boosts enlistment numbers or not, Harvey said he sees no chance of a military draft.

“The ‘D’ word is the farthest thing from my mind,” he told a Pentagon news conference, his first since becoming the Army’s top civilian official last November.

This is the first time the United States has been in a sustained period of combat since the all-volunteer force was introduced in 1973. The Air Force and Navy, which have relatively smaller roles in Iraq and Afghanistan, have no recruiting problems, but the Army and Marines are hard pressed.

The Army missed its recruiting goal for February by 27 percent, and that was the first time it had missed a monthly goal since May 2000.

The Army is forecasting that all three elements — active, Guard and Reserve — will fall short of their targets for March and April. (AP)

Minn. Community Struggles to Cope

Reservation protective of its privacy as it reels from teen’s rampage

RED LAKE, MINN. | This reservation and its people have never warmed to outsiders. The Red Lake Band of Chippewa have been here for more than a century, fighting among themselves and others for sovereignty in the cold, hard landscape of northern Minnesota.

They have closed ranks even more tightly since one of their own, a 16-year-old boy, shot to death his grandfather — a beloved, veteran tribal police officer — and then killed nine others, including himself.

Life is not easy here. The unemployment rate was estimated in the 2000 Census at 40 percent, but others say it may actually be as high as 65 percent.

Many live below the poverty line,



SUPPORT: Sheena Kingbird, left, holds on to her sister, Michelle, as they head to the Bemidji, Minn., hospital Wednesday to see their brother, who was injured in the attack.

dependent on state and federal aid. School test scores rank among the lowest in Minnesota. Drug and

alcohol abuse is a crippling problem; there is a treatment center for juveniles here.

Tribal police and reservation officials have distributed fliers warning against taking pictures or attempting to talk to residents about Jeff Weise, a lonely teenager who went on the violent rampage Monday.

Along the reservation’s main street Wednesday were signs warning, “Exiting this road constitutes trespassing.”



Weise

Beltrami County Commissioner Joe Vene knows the reservation and its residents well. “We’re very deferential to their pride and their privacy and their culture,” he said. “We are very respectful of that.”

DEBORAH HASTINGS (AP)

Deadly day: More details emerge about the violent scene in Red Lake on Monday | **Today’s Post, A Section**

Fugitive Caught After 20-Year Chase

BOSTON | In Massachusetts, he is a twice-convicted murderer who vanished after escaping from prison. In Illinois, he is a poet and anti-war protester devoted to his local Unitarian church.

The two lives of Norman Porter crumbled in Chicago on Tuesday, when undercover police investigators arrested the man who 20 years ago fled from justice here and built a new life in Chicago.



Fugitive Norman Porter is escorted by authorities in Chicago on Wednesday.

Porter’s whereabouts have been a mystery to police since he walked away from a prerelease center in Walpole in December 1985.

About a month ago, a tipster reportedly told police that Porter was living in the Chicago area. Investigators matched Porter’s fingerprints to his 1993 arrest on theft charges in Chicago.

Porter acknowledged his real identity when police arrested him, saying, “I had a good 20 years,” according to authorities. (AP)

Driver Convicted In Smuggling Case

HOUSTON | A truck driver was convicted Wednesday for his role in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants who clawed at the walls of his sweltering tractor trailer as he smuggled them across Texas.

Tyrone Williams, 34, was found guilty on 38 counts of transporting illegal immigrants but was spared the death penalty. (AP)

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Nation

DOSE OF GENEROSITY: Some 16 to 17 million Americans voluntarily gave up flu shots this winter so that the sick, the elderly and health care workers could be protected from the illness in the face of an unexpected shortage of flu vaccine, government officials reported Tuesday.

Bush Aims to Smooth Regional Ties

United States, Canada, Mexico leaders agree to pact on cooperation

WACO, TEXAS | President Bush, seeking smooth relations with U.S. neighbors despite dustups over immigration, trade and defense, announced on Wednesday a pact with Canada and Mexico to broaden cooperation on security and economic issues.

Neither Mexico nor Canada backed Bush's decision to invade Iraq. Relations have stayed largely amiable, however, and all three leaders — Bush, Mexican President Vicente Fox and Canadian Prime



ON THE MEND: Mexico's President Vicente Fox, left, President Bush, center, and Canada's Prime Minister Paul Martin take questions in Waco, Texas, Wednesday.

Minister Paul Martin — appeared cordial when they met with reporters here after their trilateral meeting.

The leaders met for more than an hour and were having lunch at Bush's ranch in nearby Crawford. It was during less formal conversations that more contentious issues were expected to surface.

Ottawa, for instance, is irritated that U.S. borders are closed to Canadian beef, due to concerns over mad-cow disease. Washington isn't pleased at Canada's surprise snub last month of U.S. plans for a North American missile defense shield.

With Mexico, Fox is pushing the United States for new immigration reforms. JENNIFER LOVEN (AP)

In Brief

SANTA MARIA, CALIF.

Jackson Judge Bars Alleged Evidence on Star's Computer

Prosecutors presented the jury in Michael Jackson's child molestation trial Wednesday with an avalanche of sexually explicit magazines and videos seized from his home, but lost a bid to include adult material



Jackson

from Internet sites that was found on the pop star's computers. Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville said he examined the computer material, and agreed with the defense that it may have been automatically stored and that "there wouldn't be any way of knowing if anyone looked at the material or not." (AP)

WASHINGTON

NIH Panel Cautions Women On Menopause Treatments

Many women may be overusing treatments for symptoms of menopause, including hormone therapies that can pose a risk, a National Institutes of Health panel said Wednesday. A key challenge is determining which symptoms are associated with menopause and which are simply the result of aging. While hormone therapy can be effective for women with severe menopause symptoms, these treatments may have serious side effects that women should consider carefully, the panel said. (AP)

Report: Social Security Set to Go Broke in 2041

Trustees predict hotly debated program will go into the red in 2017

WASHINGTON | Social Security will begin paying out more in benefits than it receives in taxes in 2017, twelve years from now and a year earlier than previously estimated, trustees said Wednesday in a forecast adding fuel to the debate over changes President Bush wants.

The trustees estimated that the program, which is about to be inundated with baby boom retirees, would go broke in 2041, a year earlier than in their prior report.

The Bush administration said both findings underscored the urgency of its effort to overhaul Social Security this year, in part by creating retirement investment accounts for younger workers. Democrats said the trustees' report undercut the president's efforts to portray the program as in immediate crisis.

The crisis label would appear to apply to Medicare, the health care program for the elderly and disabled. The trustees predicted it would go broke in 2020, one year later than they estimated in 2004, but more than two decades before Social Security. GLEN JOHNSON (AP)

SEASONS | MIXED SIGNALS



HANGING ON: A robin rests on a fence in Great Falls, Mont., on Wednesday as the region is dusted by snow. The appearance of the red-breasted robins is traditionally taken as a sign of spring's impending arrival.

HEARSAY | PROMISES

"I feel like the pig at the ham-and-egg breakfast. I'm committed to this thing."

—FORMER NETSCAPE CEO JIM BARKSDALE ON HIS PLEDGE TO REWARD SOME MISSISSIPPI STUDENTS WITH UP TO \$10,000 EACH IF STATE LAWMAKERS AGREE TO THREE CONDITIONS FOR NEXT YEAR: FULLY FUND EDUCATION, GIVE TEACHERS A RAISE AND AUDIT HOW FEDERAL CHILD CARE MONEY IS SPENT

IMAX Theaters Plug Up Volcano Film

CHARLESTON, S.C. | IMAX theaters in several Southern cities have decided not to show a film on volcanoes out of concern that its references to evolution might offend those with fundamental religious beliefs.

"We've got to pick a film that's going to sell in our area. If it's not going to sell, we're not going to take it," said Lisa Buzzelli, director of an IMAX theater in Charleston that

is not showing the movie. "Many people here believe in creationism, not evolution."

The film, "Volcanoes of the Deep Sea," makes a connection between human DNA and microbes inside undersea volcanoes.

IMAX theaters in Texas, Georgia and the Carolinas have declined to show the film, said Pietro Serapiglia, who handles distribution for Stephen Low, the

film's Montreal-based director and producer.

Critics worry screening out films that mention evolution will discourage the production of others in the future.

"It's going to restrain the creative approach by directors who refer to evolution," said Joe DeAmicis, vice president for marketing at the California Science Center in Los Angeles and a former director of an IMAX theater. "References to evolution will be dropped." (AP)

Today in The Washington Post

Game Face: For serious video gamers the time has come to scout out the malls and stand in line: PSPs, short for PlayStation Portables, are hitting stores. | *Style*

Web Watchers: Universities across China are tightening controls on popular, student-run Internet discussion forums, sparking resentment and protests. | *A Section*

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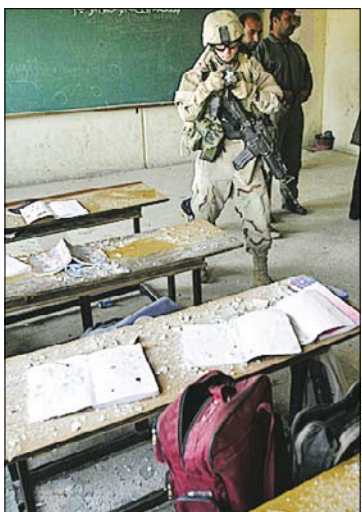
The amount of money that The Tussauds Group, owner of the famous Madame Tussauds waxwork museums, was sold for Wednesday to Dubai International Capital, an investment firm backed by the Dubai government.

85 Militants Killed in U.S. Raid in Iraq

Officials say residents provided crucial intel; mortar fired at school

BAGHDAD | U.S. and Iraqi forces killed 85 militants at a suspected training camp along the marshy shores of a remote lake, one of the highest guerrilla death tolls of the two-year insurgency, officials said Wednesday.

The raid at Lake Tharthar in central Iraq turned up booby-trapped cars, suicide-bomber vests, weapons and training documents, Iraqi Maj. Gen. Rashid Feleih told state television. He said the insurgents included Iraqis, Filipinos, Algerians, Moroccans, Afghans and Arabs.



WITNESS: A U.S. soldier photographs the damage after a mortar or rocket hit a school in Baghdad on Wednesday.

Iraqi commandos were in the area to conduct a different raid, but tips from residents redirected them to the lakeside camp, said U.S. Army Maj. Richard Goldenberg, a 42nd Infantry Division spokesman. An Iraqi officer said residents had been providing intelligence for 18 days before the attack.

"What's really remarkable is that the citizens this time really took the initiative to provide us with very good information," Feleih said.

In three days, according to Iraqi and U.S. officials' accounts, troops have killed at least 128 insurgents nationwide, culminating in the announcement of Tuesday's attack by Iraqi commandos, backed by U.S. air and ground fire. (AP)

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

→ A mortar shell or rocket-landed on a school in western-Baghdad, killing one child, a police official said.

→ The U.S.-led coalition was unprepared for the insurgency that has swept Iraq since the end of the war and made a series of mistakes, a British parliamentary committee said in a report to be published Thursday.

→ A top member of the Shiite-dominated United Iraqi Alliance, Abbas Hassan Mousa al-Bayati, said negotiators are considering naming a Sunni Arab as defense minister to try to bring Sunnis into the political process. (AP)

In Brief

BRITAIN

Judge OKs Reporter's Case Against Schwarzenegger

A High Court judge rejected an attempt to block a lawsuit by a British journalist who claims she was groped by California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger four years ago and then libeled by his aides. Judge David Eady agreed Wednesday with a court ruling that Anna Richardson could serve proceedings on Schwarzenegger at the High Court in London. He dismissed an attempt by Schwarzenegger to stop the case from going ahead on the grounds that English courts had no jurisdiction. (AP)

EGYPT

Mubarak's Son Says He Won't Run for Presidency

President Hosni Mubarak's son tried to end public speculation about his political ambitions by declaring Wednesday that he won't run as a candidate in this fall's presidential elections. "I'm not a candidate," Gamal Mubarak said at the headquarters of the ruling National Democratic



Mubarak

Party. Gamal, 41, heads a powerful policy-making committee in the NDP. He said his father — who made the surprise announcement earlier this year to allow multi-candidate elections — had yet to say whether he himself will run again. (AP)

Kyrgyz Officials May Use Force to Restore Order

BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN | Authorities raised the stakes Wednesday in a standoff with opposition groups that have seized control of large parts of southern Kyrgyzstan, with top officials warning they may use force to restore order.

Hints of a potential crackdown came from two tough-talking new law enforcement officials appointed by President Askar Akayev after he fired their predecessors over the unrest in the former Soviet republic.

Protesters angered over allegedly fraudulent parliamentary elections

have seized government buildings in three of Kyrgyzstan's seven regions. Most are in the south, where opposition to Akayev has been strongest, but one is in Talas, in the north, where his support is more firm.

"The law gives us every right to take action, including by using physical force, special means and firearms," said Interior Minister Keneshbek Dushebayev. He spoke after police in the capital, Bishkek, broke up a small rally, signaling government determination to keep protests from spreading north. (AP)



Police arrest opposition supporters in the Kyrgyzstan capital, Bishkek, on Wednesday. The government is seeking to halt the protests' advance northward.



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SIGHT UNSEEN: The Mona Lisa will be off-display at Paris' Louvre Museum on Monday, April 4, just for the day, the Wall Street Journal reported. Curators will be putting it back into its old room, newly renovated to handle an average of more than 1,500 visitors an hour.



World

Politicians Ejected by Tear Gas

Defiant lawmakers in Ecuador's Congress driven out of chamber

QUITO, ECUADOR | Police fired tear gas into Ecuador's Congress early Wednesday to force out opposition lawmakers who refused to leave.

Fifteen opposition legislators were inside, along with several pro-government lawmakers. Lawmakers were seen on TV rushing out a side door. Some were given oxygen.

Congress had been debating attorney general candidates, and the opposition was threatening to block a government-backed nominee. One of the government-aligned parties



Legislators scramble to leave Congress after police fired tear gas in the building in Quito Wednesday to disperse opposition lawmakers who refused to leave.

said it would defect, threatening to give the opposition a majority, when Congress President Omar Quintana ended the session at 10:30 a.m.

About 40 lawmakers stayed inside. By 2 a.m., Quintana authorized police to move in.

President Lucio Gutierrez and the government-aligned majority

in Congress have faced a broad backlash since December, when lawmakers replaced 27 of Ecuador's 31 Supreme Court judges in a simple majority vote — a clear violation of Ecuador's Constitution. The judges were replaced with magistrates mostly affiliated with the pro-Gutierrez congressional bloc. (AP)

China's Hu Leans On North Koreans

Return to 6-way nuclear talks is bluntly urged

BEIJING | Chinese President Hu Jintao on Wednesday stepped up pressure on North Korea to return to nuclear talks, telling its visiting premier that dialogue is the only way to settle the dispute.

Hu offered Beijing's help in arranging new talks as he met with Premier Pak Pong Ju, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Hu told Pak that "dialogue is the only correct choice for peacefully resolving the nuclear issue," Xinhua said. It added that Hu promised to see that Pyongyang's "rational concerns" were resolved — a reference to the North's demands for security guarantees if it gives up trying to make nuclear weapons.

Hu's comments, though mildly phrased, were unusually blunt and forceful for the Chinese leader.

Washington has been urging China to use its status as the North's main aid donor to prod Pyongyang back to the six-nation talks, which also include Japan, South Korea and Russia.

In Waco, Texas, President Bush suggested there was no deadline for North Korea to return to the negotiations, saying, "I'm a patient person."

But, Bush said, North Korean leader Kim Jong Il must understand that the other five parties to the talks want a nuclear-weapons free Korean peninsula. (AP)

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World

Fischer to Leave Japan for Iceland

Pathway cleared to end detention of chess legend wanted by U.S.

TOKYO | Supporters of Bobby Fischer said the Japanese government has informed them the former chess champion will be allowed to leave Thursday for Iceland, where he now has citizenship.

John Bosnitch of the Committee to Free Bobby Fischer said officials with Japan's Justice Ministry said on Wednesday that Fischer will be allowed to leave his immigration detention center just outside Tokyo on Thursday morning.

"He'll be allowed to leave and this whole ordeal will be over," Bosnitch said. Japan's Foreign Ministry refused to comment.

Iceland's Parliament on Monday awarded citizenship to Fischer, who

is wanted in the United States for violating sanctions imposed on the former Yugoslavia by playing an exhibition match against Russian Boris Spassky in 1992.

Fischer was taken into custody by Japanese immigration officials in July when he tried to leave the country using an invalid U.S. passport. Fischer, who has been held in detention since his arrest, claims the passport was revoked illegally and has sued to block the deportation order.

It wasn't immediately clear if going to Iceland would help Fischer avoid extradition to the United States. Iceland, like Japan, has an extradition treaty with Washington.

Iceland is where Fischer won the world championship in 1972, defeating Spassky in a classic Cold War showdown that propelled Fischer to international stardom. (AP)



Fischer

His moves: Fischer has evaded U.S. authorities for years with the help of global chess fans | **Today's Post: A Section**

Prince Rainier on Respirator After Heart, Kidneys Fail

MONACO | Prince Rainier III was suffering from heart and kidney failure and breathing through a respirator Wednesday as residents of this



Rainier

Riviera enclave braced for what many feared could be his final days.

The palace described the 81-year-old prince's condition as stable a day after he was moved into intensive care.

The prince, whose actress wife, Grace Kelly, died in a 1982 car crash, was hospitalized more than two weeks ago with a chest infection.

"Breathing difficulties made the installation of artificial respiration indispensable," the palace said. (AP)

INDIA | IN YOUR FACE



BIKAS DAS/AP

TODAY'S TOP HUES: Pigments are applied to a student at Rabindra Bharati University in celebration of Holi, the Hindu festival of colors to mark spring, in Calcutta on Wednesday.

Local

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RESPONSE: Prince George's County and Alexandria Fire/EMS Departments respond to an accident involving a tractor trailer Wednesday afternoon that snarled traffic on the Capital Beltway near the Wilson Bridge.

D.C. Council Hails Mayor's Budget

WASHINGTON | Mayor Anthony A. Williams delivered a \$4.4 billion budget to the D.C. Council on Wednesday, calling for tax cuts and targeted spending to revitalize low-income housing, schools and services for residents who struggled while other parts of the city flourished.

The mayor's plan on how to spend the city's surplus revenue is part of a

\$6.6 billion proposed total budget that includes federal funds.

It got an unusually strong show of support from D.C. Council members — even Ward 8 Council member Marion Barry, who has often accused Williams of forgetting poor residents.

If Williams gets his way, all D.C. residents would see an income tax break and homeowners would enjoy lower property taxes. The budget also earmarks \$1 billion to D.C. public and charter schools, the most the city has ever spent on education. (AP)

Potomac Group to Sue Sewage Plants

MORGANTOWN, W.VA. | An environmental group fighting to keep the Potomac River clean is warning three Eastern Panhandle sewage treatment plant operators that it plans to sue for repeated violations

of the federal Clean Water Act.

The Berkeley County Public Service Sewer District, the Warm Springs Public Sewer District in Morgan County and Knobley Estates Sanitary Corp. in Mineral County have

Fairfax Warns Bettors

Police crack down on high-stakes poker games in Va. county

CHANTILLY, VA. | If you want to play high-stakes poker, take your game to Las Vegas.

That was the warning Wednesday from Fairfax County Police, who are cracking down on what they say is a significant increase in illegal high-stakes poker games.

Since August, county police have busted two major illegal poker games in Centreville and Reston. The raids resulted in 37 arrests — felony charges for the five game operators and misdemeanors for the 32 participants. Police seized \$26,000 at the games.

Capt. David Vice, who heads the county's Organized Crime and Narcotics squad, said some of the people who run the illegal games make more than \$150,000 a year by collecting a share of every pot.

Playing poker, even at high stakes, is not illegal in Virginia. It becomes illegal when you have a professional operator who makes money on the game, typically by collecting a "rake" of up to 10 percent of all money wagered. (AP)

dumped excessive amounts sewage into the Potomac and its tributaries. "It is time that treatment plants are held accountable for the millions of gallons of raw sewage flowing through the Potomac," Ed Merrifield, head of Herndon, Va.-based Potomac Riverkeeper, said Wednesday. (AP)

The Lotteries

Wednesday, March 23

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	6-1-6
Evening Lucky Numbers	6-4-4
Mid-day DC 4	5-5-6-4
Evening DC 4	0-1-1-5
Quick Cash	33-37-15-8-4-29
Hot Five	2-19-24-30-26

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	7-7-7
Evening Pick 3	7-5-7
Mid-day Pick 4	2-2-7-4
Evening Pick 4	9-2-1-9
Match 5	14-15-22-36-39 Bonus: 3

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.)	6-7-9
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	7-6-2
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	2-9-9-8

Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	4-8-7-7
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.)	8-30-32-33-34
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	2-3-6-13-27

MULTI-STATE GAMES

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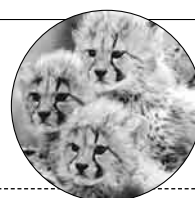
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Local

CAT CALLS: The National Zoo's cheetah cubs have been named: The males are Askari and Damara, and the females are Imara and Hatima. The cubs, now 4 months old, are the first cheetahs to be born at the zoo in its 115-year history.



In Brief

BALIMORE

Police Charge Man for Murder of Hopkins Student

Police arrested a 27-year-old man on Wednesday for the January killing of a Johns Hopkins University student in her off-campus apartment, a crime that shook the prestigious university where another student had been murdered about nine months earlier. Police have been investigating the slaying of 21-year-old Linda Trinh, a biomedical engineering major from Silver

Spring, since her body was found Jan. 23 in her apartment, across the street from the Homewood campus that about 4,000 students occupy daily. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Fire Chief Placed on Leave After Hitting Boy With Car

A District of Columbia deputy fire chief was placed on leave Wednesday until March 27 while investigators determine whether she acted properly after hitting an 11-year-old boy with her department-owned vehicle. Rudder hit the child on March 15 while driving her department-owned Ford Excursion in the 900

block of G Street NE, according to police and fire reports obtained by The Washington Times. Rudder stopped to administer first aid to the child, but did not wait for police to investigate, the reports stated. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Judge to Rule on Hazmat Ban on Train in District

A federal judge is expected to rule in the next couple of weeks on whether the District of Columbia government has the authority to ban trains carrying hazardous chemicals through the city. Rail operator CSX Corp. is suing the city, arguing repeatedly

in court Wednesday that the D.C. Council has no authority to pass the law scheduled to take effect April 11. (AP)

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

House of Delegates Quickly Passes Proposed Budget

The House of Delegates, displaying an unusual degree of bipartisanship, unanimously approved the state's \$25.6 billion budget Wednesday. The bill now goes to the Senate, where Democratic leaders plan to move quickly to pass their version of the bill so they can begin negotiations with House leaders on differences between the two houses. (AP)



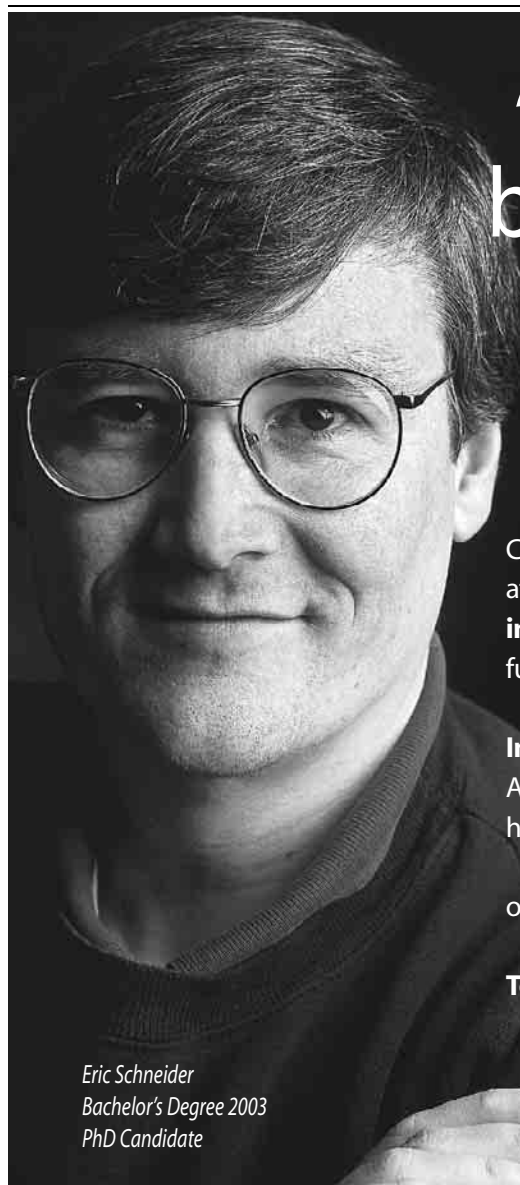
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Money

Time for Belt-Tightening?

WASHINGTON | It might be time to readjust your family budget. Consumers shelled out more in February not only to fill up their gasoline tanks and heat their homes, but also to pay for a variety of other things, including lodging, airfares, shoes, health care and education.

All told, consumer prices rose 0.4 percent, the biggest increase in four months, the Labor Department reported Wednesday. The increase in the consumer price index was a fresh signal inflation is gaining momentum now that the economic expansion is firmly entrenched.

"Folks who live paycheck to pay-

check have seen the biggest bite out of their pockets," said Chris Burdick, director of economic analysis at the Schwab Center for Investment Research.

The latest snapshot of inflation raised the chances that the Federal Reserve might have to be more aggressive in its interest rate-raising campaign, economists said.

The Fed boosted a key short-term interest rate by one-quarter point, to 2.75 percent, on Tuesday. It was the seventh such increase since the Fed began bumping up rates last June in an effort to prevent inflation from hurting the economy. (AP)

COST OF LIVING CREEPS UP
Sharp increases in energy costs, including gasoline, led the way in February. But many other prices, including those for air travel, medical care, education and lodging also climbed.

- **GASOLINE PRICES:** Rose 3.2%
- **NATURAL GAS:** Rose 2.5%
- **AIRFARES:** Rose 1.5%
- **MEDICAL CARE:** Rose 0.6%
- **FOOTWEAR:** Rose 0.8%
- **LODGING:** Rose 1.1%
- **FOOD PRICES:** Rose 0.1%
- **EDUCATION COSTS:** Rose 0.5%

Every Hyundai to Boast XM Radio

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CALIF. | Hyundai Motor Co. will become the first automaker to equip all of its U.S. models with XM Satellite Radio, the companies said Wednesday. Shares of XM's parent rose more than 8 percent.

The feature will be installed in all models starting in 2006. By 2007, Hyundai expects to sell more than 500,000 cars equipped with XM.

XM has more than 3.2 million subscribers and offers more than 150 digital radio channels at a cost of \$12.95 a month. (AP)

AOL Latin America Struggling

MIAMI | The Latin America affiliate of America Online Inc. is running low on cash and may shut down or seek bankruptcy protection if it isn't sold in a "timely manner," the company said.

Shares in America Online Latin America Inc. dropped 31 cents, or 66 percent, to close at 16 cents in Wednesday trading on the Nasdaq, as the company said it didn't believe its common stock has "any value."

The Fort Lauderdale-based Internet service provider said it could seek bankruptcy protection

in the United States or in another country where it operates. It has 400,000 subscribers in Brazil, Argentina, Mexico and Puerto Rico as of Sept. 30, a drop of 18,000 from the previous quarter.

The company only has sufficient cash to keep operating into the third quarter of 2005, according to a filing Tuesday with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The company also said its owners, Time Warner, the Cisneros Group of Companies and Banco Itau SA, will not provide more funding. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
GameStp	21.95	+2.45	+12.6
GameStB n	21.80	+2.16	+11.0
LbtyASG	6.30	+4.0	+6.8
PopeTal	17.95	+1.05	+6.2
FullerHB	28.25	+1.55	+5.8

Losers

Lindsay	19.40	-3.58	-15.6
BerryP	49.80	-6.23	-11.1
Valmont	21.98	-1.93	-8.1
BBarrett n	27.21	-2.30	-7.8
USEC	16.90	-1.43	-7.8

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
GigaTr	6.19	+2.99	+93.4
AtlantisP	23.70	+5.69	+31.6
SilcLtd	3.46	+83	+31.6
OraLabs	2.80	+58	+26.1
Flamst s h	6.90	+1.40	+25.5

Losers




Innovex	3.87	-.98	-20.2
US Xprss	21.11	-4.16	-16.5
UFP Tch	5.01	-.94	-15.8
Catuity rs	4.30	-.67	-13.5
VI Tech rs	3.37	-.49	-12.7

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	5.75	5.50
Fed Funds close	2.75	2.5625
3-month	2.77	2.73
2-year	3.82	3.71
10-year	4.59	4.51
30-year	4.85	4.80

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5356	.5309	.5410
Canadian Dollar	1.2158	1.2087	1.3320
European Euro	.7709	.7651	.8114
Japanese Yen	106.01	105.57	106.75
Mexican Peso	11.2840	11.2360	10.9670
Taiwanese Dollar	31.38	31.29	33.29

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-0.14	+0.04	+0.07
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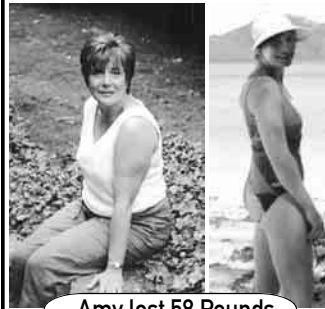
STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ABN Amro	26.05	-.16	-2.1
BcBilVArg	16.23	-.01	-8.5
BcoSnCH	12.30	-.01	-.6
BkofAm s	43.98	+.32	-6.4
Barclay	41.05	-.30	-10.1
CredSuisse	42.87	-.26	+1.6
DeutscheBk	86.23	-1.32	-3.1
HSBC	79.22	-.17	-7.0
JPMorgCh	34.93	-.13	-10.5
LloydsTSB	35.69	-.48	-3.0
MitsuTkyo	9.02	-.11	-11.7
UBS AG	84.26	-.56	+.5
US Bancrp	28.43	+.03	-9.2
Wachovia	50.10	+.19	-4.8
WellsFrgo	58.74	+.36	-5.5



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PICKED OFF: Astros ace Roger Clemens' orange Hummer, given to him by the N.Y. Yankees after he earned his 300th career victory, was stolen on Wednesday after Clemens' son drove it to school in Houston and left it unlocked.



Sports

Fan Fare

BASEBALL | BY SARAH GOLDSTEIN

1 Fan, 2 Teams: What a Choice

AS SPRING APPROACHES, the time has come to make a life-altering decision.

Am I going to be a Nationals fan or an Orioles fan? Will I stick with the only local baseball team I have known? Or will I join those people making Peter Angelos' worst fears a reality?

This is not a decision to take lightly.

Cheering for the Nationals is natural for people who remember when baseball left Washington more than 30 years ago. Those who live in Baltimore, however, see no reason to even think about switching teams.

But the decision is not so clear for many other fans. There are many factors to consider.

First of all, I live in Maryland, so I should cheer for the Maryland team. But I do not live in Baltimore. In fact, I am actually closer to Washington.

Also, getting to RFK Stadium is much easier than getting to Camden Yards. There is parking around RFK and the Metro is convenient. Parking in downtown Baltimore is anything but easy, and the Light Rail is not very convenient.

But once you get in the stadium, spending the afternoon at Camden Yards is much more appealing than the ancient RFK stadium, where the Nationals will be playing for at least the next few years.

A decision must be made. No one is both a Mets fan and a Yankees fan. You do not cheer for the Redskins and the Ravens.

Hopefully something will tip the scales before opening day because this decision is too important to make by flipping a coin.

Sarah Goldstein is a senior at the University of Maryland, where she studies journalism.



BIG BAT: Luis Matos hits a three-run double to lift the Baltimore Orioles over the Boston Red Sox in Ft. Myers, Fla., Wednesday.

Orioles Drop the Red Sox

Tejada hits first home run of spring in 6-1 win

ORIOLES | For five innings, David Wells seemed ready for opening day. Unfortunately for him, he had to pitch the sixth before a downpour ended the game.

The Baltimore Orioles beat the Boston Red Sox 6-1 in six innings Wednesday when Miguel Tejada hit a two-run homer and Luis Matos had a three-run double. Erik Bedard pitched six solid innings for the Orioles.

Wells allowed two runs on seven hits but no walks in the first five innings before giving up four runs in the sixth. Manager Terry Francona has tapped him to start the first game of the season April 3 at the New York Yankees — Wells' former team — because Curt Schilling is still injured.

"I felt all right, just a couple of bad pitches," said Wells, who threw 79 pitches and hopes to throw more

in his one remaining spring-training start.

Tejada's first spring homer gave Baltimore a 2-0 lead in the second after Chris Gomez singled. David Ortiz doubled in a run for Boston in the fourth before Wells took the mound in the sixth.

Bedard (3-0) allowed one run on four hits in six innings with three strikeouts and no walks.

He lowered his ERA to 2.13 in 21 1/3 innings. Wells's ERA is 7.50 in 12 innings. **HOWARD ULMAN (AP)**

In Brief

FOOTBALL Bruschi May Sit Out Season

New England Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi is considering sitting out next season for health reasons, The Boston Globe reported Wednesday. Bruschi's recently hired agent, Brad Blank, told the newspaper that the Pro Bowler is contemplating whether he can play next season after being treated for a mild stroke last month. "I can relate to



Bruschi

you only that Tedy is considering not playing next year," Blank told The Globe. **(AP)**

AUTO RACING Suspensions for Cheating Reduced to Probation

An appeals committee on Wednesday lifted the suspensions of the crew chiefs for Jimmie Johnson and Kyle Busch, 10 days after they were accused of cheating in a race in Las Vegas. The National Stock Car Racing Commission rescinded the two-race suspensions NASCAR had levied against Chad Knaus and Alan Gustafson, and instead placed both on 90 days probation. George Silberman, chairman of the committee, noted that the decision was not unanimous. **(AP)**

FOOTBALL N.Y. Awarded Super Bowl

The Super Bowl is coming to the Big Apple in 2010. Maybe. Now all the New York Jets have to do is get approval for their stadium project on the West Side of Manhattan, which is no slam dunk. NFL owners voted 31-1 Wednesday to award the 2010 game to New York, provided the 75,000-seat stadium, whose cost now has reached nearly \$2 billion, is built. **(AP)**

COLLEGE FOOTBALL Big East to Use Replay

The Big East will begin using instant replay in football this fall. The Big Ten became the first conference to allow replays in the 2004 season. **(AP)**

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON CBS) Washington plays Louisville and Illinois takes on Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the first two regional semifinals of the NCAA tournament. Texas Tech faces West Virginia and Oklahoma State plays Arizona in the later games.

NBA (9 P.M. ON COMCAST) The Washington Wizards look to rebound from Tuesday's loss to Denver in their game against the Utah Jazz.

GOLF (NOON ON ESPN) The Player's Championship — considered the PGA's fifth major — tees off from Ponte Vedra, Fla.

WOMEN'S GOLF (5 P.M. ON ESPN2) Grace Park is the defending champion of the Kraft Nabisco Championship, the LPGA's first major of the year.

Sports

880

The number of career wins for Tennessee women's basketball coach Pat Summitt, who overtook former North Carolina men's coach Dean Smith as the all-time winningest coach in college basketball history on Tuesday night.

Knight Counts on His Better Half

Wife of volatile Texas Tech coach a key part of team's recent success

COLLEGE HOOPS | When Bob Knight coaches in the round of 16 for the first time in more than a decade Thursday night, one of his most trusted advisers won't be on the Texas Tech bench: his wife.

The Hall of Fame coach brings a seasoned staff, 39 years of coaching, 854 victories and 27 NCAA tournament appearances into the game against West Virginia.

There is also his wife, Karen Knight — a former standout high school coach who brings sharp perspective from the stands.

Karen Knight made a rare public appearance after Tech upset



In a rare public display of emotion, Bobby and Karen Knight embrace after Texas Tech beat Gonzaga Sunday. Tech plays West Virginia Thursday in the Sweet 16.

Gonzaga on Saturday. The coach brought her down from the stands, and she hugged him throughout a nationally televised interview.

But she offers much more than emotional support. In fact, the Oklahoma Girls' Basketball Hall of Fame member has been a key part of the brain trust that has helped turn around the Tech program.

Karen Knight, who has been married to Bob Knight since 1988, is the coach's hoops sounding board. Her husband says she's the better coach of the two Knights, and she suggests defensive strategy and helps players with technique during practice.

"She's been really good," Bob Knight said. "And not the least of it is her understanding about the whole thing, about how difficult this is." BETSY BLANEY (AP)

Huskies Try to Earn Top Billing

Washington coach Romar aims to outfox Pitino in the Sweet 16

COLLEGE HOOPS | To learn more about the coaching icon his team will face next, the only thing Washington guard Will Conroy had to do was turn on the TV.

"I was just watching a special about him in the room," Conroy said Wednesday.

The subject of the special: Louisville's Rick Pitino — he of the slicked-back hair, the movie-star looks, the 447 career victories and the four Final Four appearances.

Little-known Lorenzo Romar is in charge of trying to outwit Pitino in the Albuquerque Regional semifinals Thursday. Romar has 151 wins, is making his third trip to the NCAA tournament and coaches a team that hasn't been to a Final Four in 52 years but is 29-5 and a No. 1 seed.

"I think there's still a perception of, 'Isn't that cute, Washington is in the Sweet 16,'" Romar said. "I think every game we've played, there has always been some doubt about us."

EDDIE PELLIS (AP)

Pearl Confronts Past Against Illinois

COLLEGE HOOPS | The few dozen Illinois fans barely mustered a yawn, let alone righteous indignation, at the sight of Bruce Pearl coaching his team through a practice.

Come gametime Thursday night, though, the Wisconsin-Milwaukee coach knows the reception will be as hostile as any he's ever seen.

It's been 16 years since Pearl

gave the NCAA a secretly recorded tape of a conversation he had with top recruit Deon Thomas in 1989 that he said was proof Illinois was cheating.

But for Illinois fans, the bitterness toward Pearl remains as fresh as it was the day sanctions were imposed.

Though Pearl knows his pres-

ence adds intrigue to the match-up, he doesn't want it overshadowing Thursday's game. The Panthers (26-5) have enough to worry about, playing the top-seeded Illini (34-1).

"Regardless of who takes the floor against Illinois, do you think that team's going to be cheered?" Pearl said Wednesday. "Will there be a little more noise because I'm coaching the opposition? Sure there will. I understand that." (AP)



Bruce Pearl at practice on Wednesday.

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Sports



All Voters Agree on Augustus

LSU star named a unanimous choice for All-America team

WOMEN'S SHOOPS | Seimone Augustus plays with dazzling skill, a crowd-pleasing flair and, according to her coach, plenty of smarts.

With that combination, it's no wonder the LSU star was a unanimous All-American.

Augustus led The Associated Press women's basketball All-America team, which was announced Wednesday. She was the only player picked for the first team by all 45 members of the national media panel that also votes in the weekly AP poll.

Augustus was joined on the first team by Kansas State's Kendra Wecker, Duke's Monique Currie, Ohio State's Jessica Davenport and TCU's Sandora Irvin.

A year ago, Augustus led LSU to its first Final Four. This season, the Lady Tigers were ranked No. 1 longer than anyone, won the SEC regular-season championship and earned the top overall seed in the NCAA tournament. CHUCK SCHOFFNER (AP)

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Cube Country

'The Office' doesn't quite translate to the American workplace

DEBUT | The suits at NBC must have been shaking in their loafers the day filming began on the American version of "The Office." The BBC show enjoyed a run on BBC America, and its collected episodes on DVD sold in vast numbers to U.S. cubicle-heads long past memorizing the dialogue from "Office Space." In other words, it was no "Coupling."

Whereas "Coupling" was some sort of "Friends"-inspired hit across the pond, Americans heard nothing of its supposed excellence until the blot on the TV landscape that was the U.S. version premiered on NBC. The network wisely pulled the plug on the hideous excrescence, but the lesson had sunk in: Some comedy doesn't translate.

"The Office" was an even riskier



WE'RE ALL WORKING FOR THE WEEKEND: The cast of the new "Office" on NBC evokes memories of the original cast — sometimes to the point of distraction.

er proposition. Slow, nuanced and based on behavior rather than setup/punchline combos, its humor came from an accretion of tics and foibles built so high they spilled over the top in a riot of realistic absurdity.

The show had no laugh track, only an ensemble of brilliant actors whose impersonations of people trapped in an anonymous paper-manufacturing company in the charmingly named Nowheresville of Slough was

simultaneously poignant and ridiculous. Powered by delusional manager David Brent (creator and star Ricky Gervais), this "Office" was forced to function — or not — in response to the boss' idea of himself.

The NBC version, premiering tonight at 9:30 p.m., errs by being both too British and too American. It preserves the beige anonymity of the Slough office, a grievous mistake in this land of defiant individualists who tart up their work territory in a miniature semblance of home and self.

The boss here is Michael Scott, played with self-lacerating relish by "The Daily Show's" Steve Carrell. His Scott has all of David Brent's foolishness but none of his longing to be loved; he's delusional, but he's also just a jerk.

Other characters are carefully chosen to reflect the originals, and they're uniformly great. But the actors don't feel like an ensemble, or seem to work in the same place.

Still, it's refreshing to see a show take its time and to be spared a chorus of guffaws at every turn. If viewers stick with it, "The Office" will become a welcome fictional respite from the places they toil five days a week. **ARION BERGER**

'Idol' Goof Gives Singers Second Shot

OOPSY | The 11 contestants left on Fox's reality hit "American Idol" are getting another shot at stardom.

Phone numbers that allowed viewers to pick their favorite contestant were incorrectly displayed during Tuesday's show, prompting a re-vote during Wednesday's show.



Seacrest

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Fashion

Bono's clothing label hopes for mix of style and global principles

U2 lead singer Bono is now another type of frontman — for fashion brand Edun (“nude” spelled backward), a casual collection of jeans, T-shirts, chiffon dresses and shrunken blazers that is his brainchild.

Plenty of musicians have their own fashion labels, but, this being Bono — a possible nominee for this year's Nobel Peace Prize for his social

activism — there is a mission larger than selling slim-cut denim pants with metallic stitching. The goal is to build a brand of desirable clothing that provides employment and stable commercial relationships in developing areas of the world.

Bono helps choose where the clothes will be made, to make the most of local resources and talents in these areas while maintaining high standards for labor practices. The one thing he's not allowed to do — per wife and Edun partner Ali Hewson — is to make style sugges-

The Unforgettable Attire

tions. “The only demand Ali made on me was that I didn't get involved in the fashion!” he laughed. Instead, design duties are left up to Hewson and Rogan Gregory, a designer with his own line that emphasizes organic fabrics and ethical guidelines.

Hewson said she and Bono decided to get into the business after Bono's trips to Africa as an activ-

ist on debt relief and AIDS. “Bono's biggest impression of the Africans is that they don't want charity, they want trade,” Hewson said. “They have pride, they're very dignified people. They want to work.” People

in developing countries would benefit more, financially and emotionally, by becoming part of the global economy, said Bono, instead of being written off with aid checks.

Unlike a traditional fashion

house that starts with a designer's sketch, Rogan said, Edun's garments are designed with the local country in mind. In Peru, for instance, Bono was impressed with the tradition of using vegetable-based dyes for color. “Those colors were made with no chemicals and they happen to be the most striking,” he said.

Still, Edun's founders say, success depends on being taken seriously as a brand, which is why 10 percent of materials and manufacturing will be done in places such as Italy and France. “[Edun] is a business model that other people can follow,” Hewson said.

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)



MAKE IT SHIRT: Bono shows some of his developing-country-building Edun shirts to “Today” show host Katie Couric.



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BONO FIDE: Local elements will be used in the clothes' design, Bono said.



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D.C. Baseball

Past & Present

Author **FREDERIC J. FROMMER** discussed his book, "The Washington Baseball Fan's Little Book of Wisdom," on Wednesday | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

What is your outlook for the Nationals this year?

I think if they were in a different division — say the NL Central — they'd have a good shot at finishing third or fourth. But they are in a really tough division. The Braves are going to be great again; the Mets are vastly improved and the Marlins are always a contender. I'd say they have a shot at beating out the Phillies.

Your book will come in handy for those of us who, in truth, know very little about the Washington Senators except for the fact that they were not good. How would you sum up that team's history?

They were awful for the first 12 years or so. Then Clark Griffith became manager and eventually owner and helped turn the team around. Their glory days were 1924-1933, when they won three pennants and their only World Series (1924, with a 27-year-old player-manager, Bucky Harris). They were decent through WW II and then were awful until the first team moved to Minnesota in 1961.

The second Senators team, which was here from 1961-1971, had only one winning season — 1969, with Ted Williams as manager. And then they moved to Texas.

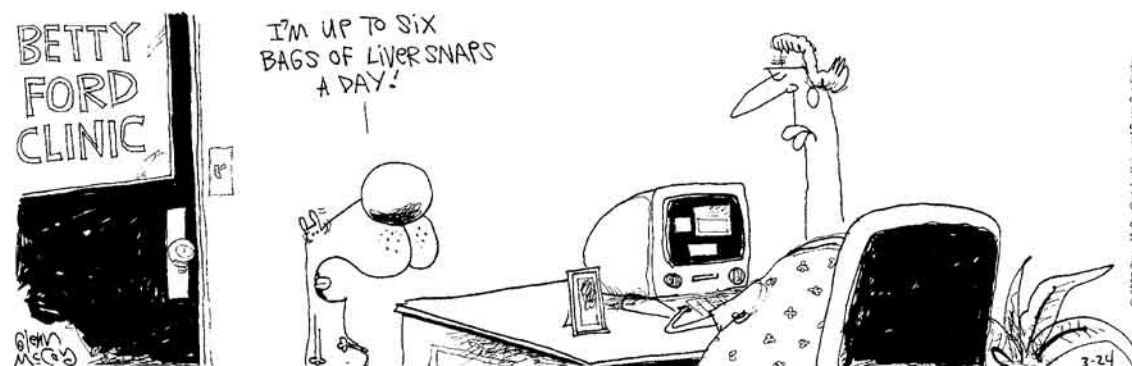
Perhaps the greatest moment in D.C. sports history (the scene in Griffith Stadium and the city following the end of the 1924 World Series) was described by Shirley Povich. Is this included in your book?

I have a few items on the 1924 team in the book but they are in the form of "factoids," which is how the book was published. I am working on a larger book on the history of the Senators that will include an entire chapter on that season. It's amazing to see how passionate fans were of the team back then. The old Evening Star had a story describing how fans were so caught up in the pennant race, they couldn't get any work done.

→ Today on Live Online

1 P.M.: E! Entertainment Senior Vice President of Production Jeff Shore will talk about the network's nightly reenactments of the Michael Jackson trial.

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



Letters

Ripped From the Headlines

TUESDAY'S EXPRESS highlighted three uniquely American — and ultimately disturbing — stories: the Schiavo case, the Minnesota school shooting and the Michael Jackson

trial. Each of them will eventually be sensationalized by a TV movie or book deal so seedy capitalist piranhas can get their share of the pot. I say "uniquely American" because each case creeps into our political discourse: The astounding ability of the religious right to control Congress, outdated gun-control laws and our inherent lack of trust

for African-Americans regardless of their social status. At least these cases feed our desire to judge.

—DAVID BURTON
Arlington, Va.

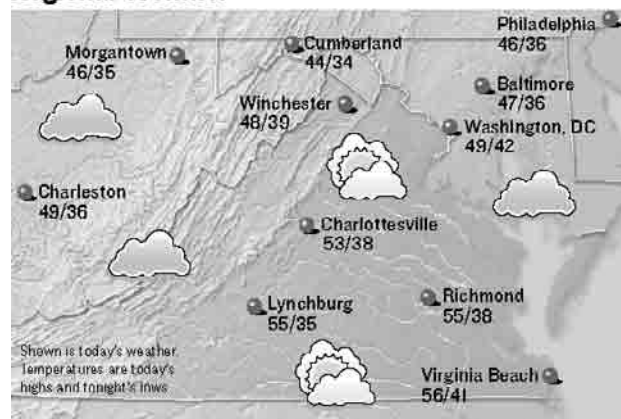
Correction:

A front-page article in Wednesday's Express incorrectly identified the parents of Terri Schiavo. They are Bob and Mary Schindler.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

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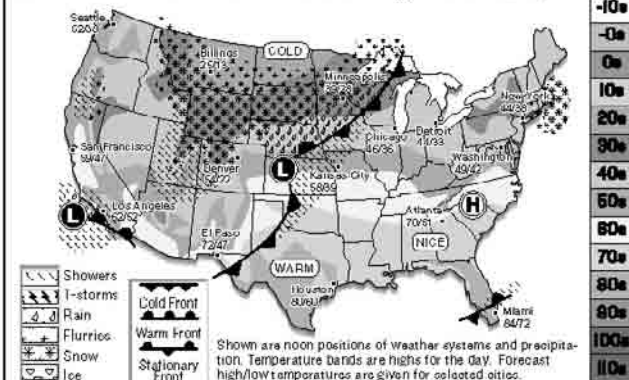
D.C. Metro: Today, becoming partly sunny. High 49. Wind north 8-16 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 42. Wind variable under 6 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:05 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 6:24 p.m.
 Moonrise today 5:23 p.m.
 Moonset today 5:43 a.m.



National Weather for Thursday, March 24



National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	70/51/s	74/57/pc
Boston	42/32/sn	48/34/r
Chicago	46/36/c	44/30/r
Dallas	78/53/pc	78/54/s
Denver	54/22/c	40/22/sh
Honolulu	82/68/s	81/69/sh
Los Angeles	62/52/r	64/50/pc
Miami	84/72/t	86/72/t
New York City	44/38/r	48/38/r
Orlando	82/62/pc	84/68/t
Seattle	52/38/pc	52/44/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Amsterdam	61/52/c	58/43/pc
Athens	65/55/pc	66/53/c
Berlin	61/46/pc	62/43/pc
Buenos Aires	79/57/s	79/63/s
Calgary	23/14/pc	32/18/pc
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WARNINGS

Serena Shows Alarming Signs of Dilettantism

Despite her acting career and fashion business, **SERENA WILLIAMS** claims tennis is her No. 1 priority in 2005. But when the subject switched to Maria Sharapova during a recent interview, other priorities took over. Williams claimed she only vaguely recalled playing Sharapova for the first time. "I don't think you realize, I have a fashion company," she said. "I'm working on a really intense line for the fall. I'm an actress. I'm working on an animation series, on different reality series. I'm working on so much stuff." (AP)



Serena is secure in her identity as a tennis star/designer/actress/woman. VICTOR ROMERO/AP



ERIC JAMISON/AP

REHAB

Comeback Rescheduled

A year after her first reported stay in rehab, **WHITNEY HOUSTON** has again checked into a rehabilitation facility. "Whitney Houston has re-entered a rehabilitation facility today," her publicist said Wednesday. No details were given. (AP)

DEATH

Writer Bequeaths Estate to 'Gonzo Trust'

HUNTER S. THOMPSON's will calls for all his property to flow into "The Gonzo Trust." The will, dated June

27, 2003, was filed in state court Feb. 23, three days after the writer took his own life. It was made public Monday. Trustees are attorneys Hal Haddon of Denver and George Tobia of Boston, and historian Douglas

TITANIC

If You Think About It, Water Made Leo's Stardom Possible

LEONARDO DICAPRIO helped environmentalists launch an international campaign Tuesday to draw attention to the billion people worldwide who don't have access to clean water. "We are here to help raise awareness about what is one of the greatest challenges facing humanity today," said DiCaprio, speaking on World Water Day at San Francisco's Clift Hotel with Global Green USA President Matt Petersen. DiCaprio signed a peti-



ERIC RISBERG/AP

Leo doesn't hold water responsible for the poor performance of "The Beach."

tion that calls on President Bush and other government leaders to commit to a legally binding United Nations treaty declaring clean water as a basic human right. (AP)

THE BEST

Trump Stops, Hears Self, And Crumples in Horror

Donald Trump's Las Vegas partners have been courting **MICHAEL JACKSON** for a long-term gig at the city's New Frontier Hotel and Casino, Us Weekly reports. "Everything I do is the best ... and this would be no exception," US quoted Trump as saying. Jackson has in the past reportedly been interested in performing in Las Vegas, where his parents and sister LaToya live. (AP)

BLOGS

Pat O'Brien Faces His Worst Nightmare: Bloggers

It's a joke — it has to be, right? On Wednesday, Defamer.com directed its readers' attention to a fascinating new blog: "I'm Stuck in Rehab With **PAT O'BRIEN**" (stuckinrehabwithpatobrien.blogspot.com). "I haven't decided which is worse," the intro explains, "being addicted to pain killers or being stuck in rehab with Pat O'Brien." The "Insider" host is painted as a tragic (but not at all noble) figure, with most posts concluding "And then Pat O'Brien buried his face in his hands and cried." (EXPRESS)



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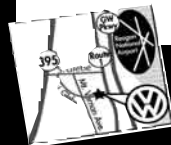
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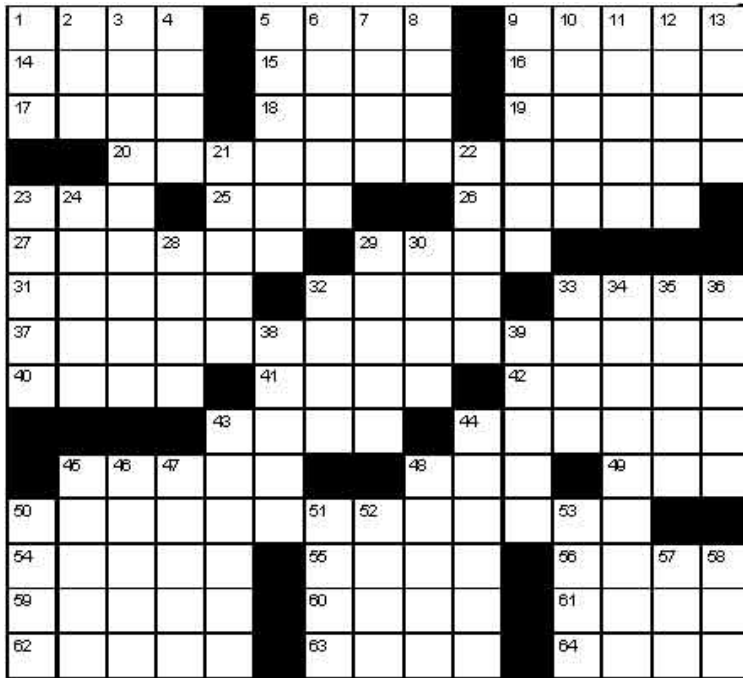
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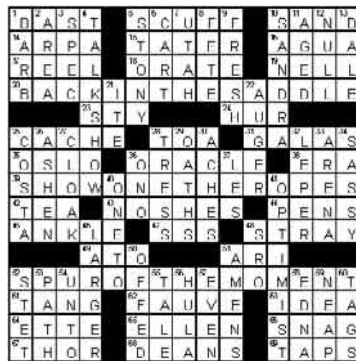
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By Stella Wilder

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're not likely to react well to any kind of negative input and even constructive criticism may rub you the wrong way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Though you may feel as though you haven't a care in the world, something just beneath the surface is about to catch your attention.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A sudden feeling of inadequacy is not likely to last long, as an opportunity to shine will be upon you before nightfall.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone may be sending you unusual emotional signals. Take the time to decipher these messages carefully; a mistake may prove hazardous.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are, as the song says, in the mood for love but not because that particular person is near you. You may indeed be after something new.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your first instincts will be to hide your feelings and give people nothing but what they seem to want. Later, you'll be set free.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You're in no

mood to do things according to plan. You are eager to see where your legs take you, for good or for ill.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your insistence to get started a bit prematurely may expose you and your colleagues to unnecessary dangers before day's end.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's a good day to focus on your own inner energies and drive; you needn't work too hard at those things that benefit only others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) What you're looking for may indeed be just around the corner, but a little more effort of a certain kind is required.

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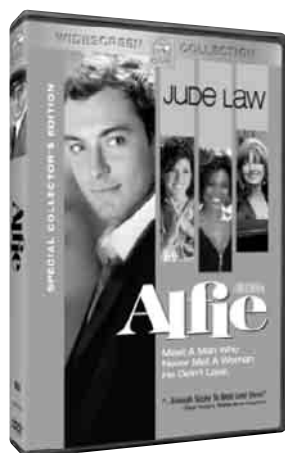


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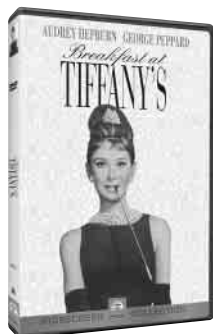
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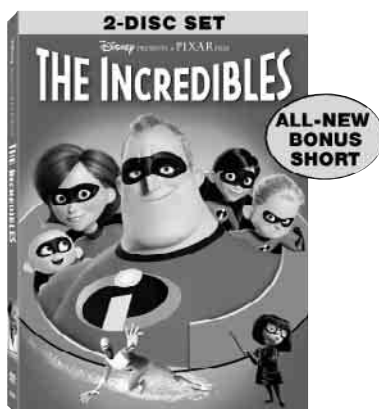
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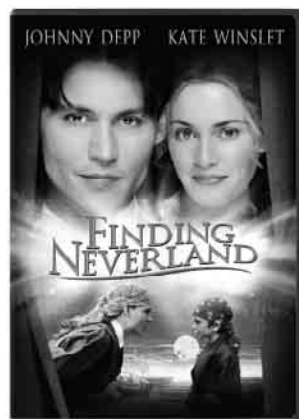
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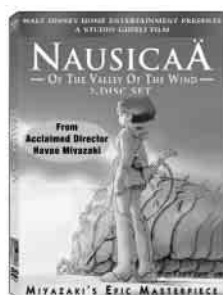
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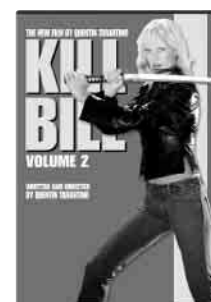
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***NAME: Matt Miceli GIG:**
Guitarist in The Getaway Car,
D.C.s' Next Big Musical Thing

THE BEST-KEPT SECRET in D.C. pop, The Getaway Car is a sublimely tight pop trio with melodies that hook themselves into your brain and don't let go. The band, at Iota on Thursday, consists of musicians-about-town Todd Wright, Chris Reardon and Matt Miceli. Its heartbreak-ridden debut, "All Your Little Pieces," is available on awarenet.com and from iTunes. We asked Miceli why Getaway isn't hugely famous. "That's a great question," he said.

The album's a paean to insomnia.

It was many late-night sessions, basically. We all have our own studio. We did some basic drum-tracking in a proper studio, if you will, and spent the rest of the time,

whenever we weren't playing, doing the sessions. It wasn't until we finished we realized that insomnia was a common theme to many of the songs.

Aren't you just singing about disappointed love to get chicks?

Oh, I wish Todd was talking to you. Yes, he's probably been disappointed with chicks. But I think everybody can relate to this "she dumped me" kind of vibe.

Who influences you most?

Elvis Costello; Ben Folds. We definitely have an eclectic mix. We love Michael Penn; Jellyfish. As far as new bands go, Death Cab for Cutie, Rooney — we like a lot of the poppier bands that have the street cred but didn't really sell any records.

"The O.C." bands.

Yeah. We wanna be on "The O.C."



FAST AND DRIVEN: The Getaway Car's Miceli, Wright and Reardon make heavenly pop that defies the rock-centric D.C. scene.

"It wasn't until we finished we realized insomnia was a common theme [on the album]."

Is pop the new rock?

We love pop, we really do. We're heavily influenced by the Beatles and other old-school sounds. We're not trying to fool anybody; we just do what we like. We like pop whether you want to call it Maroon 5 or AC/DC. I don't really know what pop means anymore, to be honest.

You're hogging all the great melodies? Will the world run out?

Sometimes I think so. I'm always

the pessimist; the minute I hear a new tune I'm like, "That sounds like so-and-so." It's hard to bite your tongue, because everything you hear ends up sounding like something you've heard before. But I think someone's personal expression can push the melody one way or another. **ARION BERGER**

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Having a Ball

Finnish designer Eero Aarnio thinks globally

MUSEUMS | What did Sammy Davis Jr., Bing Crosby, Princess Grace, the Shah of Iran and a succession of mysteriously replaced Number Twos on the '60s British cult TV show "The Prisoner" have in common?

They all parked themselves in that funkiest of mod thrones, Eero Aarnio's Ball Chair.

The pedestal-based Ball Chair and its transparent cousin, the dangling Bubble Chair, are the star attractions at the Aarnio retrospective now on view at the Embassy of Finland.

"Pop fantasies: furniture design by Eero Aarnio" is the latest in a string of Finnish design showcases that have been stylish, artfully



THE MAN IN THE BUBBLE: The designer chills in one of his groovy chairs.

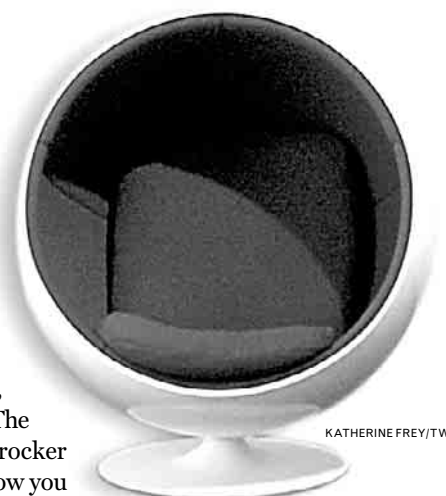
installed, accessible and fun, and with the exception of a couple of fairly mundane stacking chairs, every one of Aarnio's objects can be tried out.

The Ball Chair turns out to be even more womblike than a Saarinen Womb Chair; high-frequency sound is attenuated, leaving a warm, dull whoosh of lower tones. The Bubble Chair sways like a rocker or a glider, depending on how you use your legs (bring shoes that are easy to kick off).

Hard plastic shapes such as the Pastil rocker and the tri-spherical Tomato Chair are curvy and relaxed, exuding the playful eroticism that is an Aarnio trademark.

In an interview that runs on a screen hooked into a computer-wired E-Ball, Aarnio says ergonomics and fantasy are what drive him.

But the appeal of the springy, yel-



KATHERINE FREY/TWP

low-footed, bird-shaped Tipi Chair, particularly among Japanese buyers, eludes even its maker. "I always say it has no function — absolutely useless," Aarnio confesses.

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Interpol's head-to-toe glamour started with the right pair of shoes

MUSIC | It all started with a pair of shoes. Daniel Kessler was in history class at New York University in 1998 when he spotted a pair of Doc Martens he just had to have. Carlos Dengler was in the Docs at the time.

Soon, Dengler picked up the bass and joined guitarist Kessler and drummer Greg Drudy. The trio goofed around without structure or name. Later that year, Kessler ran into Paul Banks, whom he had met during a summer jaunt in Paris, and the band soon enough had a vocalist, guitarist and even a name: Interpol was born.

Eventually Drudy dropped out of the band and was replaced by Sam Fogarino, a record-store clerk and Kessler acquaintance. The band hit the U.K. in 2001 and earned an audience with legendary producer John Peel. Thus the indie-rock snowball, soon to culminate in the album "Turn on the Bright Lights," was in motion.

Although Interpol's music is



MICHAEL EDWARDS

FINE LINES: Even sharper than the band's attire is its edgy '80s-style misery-rock.

punctuated by fuzzy guitars like other newish garage-rockers, the band's sound ultimately echoes the influence of punk-era depressives like Joy Division. The band's elliptical lyrics and angular guitars are an aural homage to intellectual Goth of the late 1970s, and the band's black garb provides proper visual accompaniment.

"Antics," the band's 2004 sophomore release, shows a more engaged

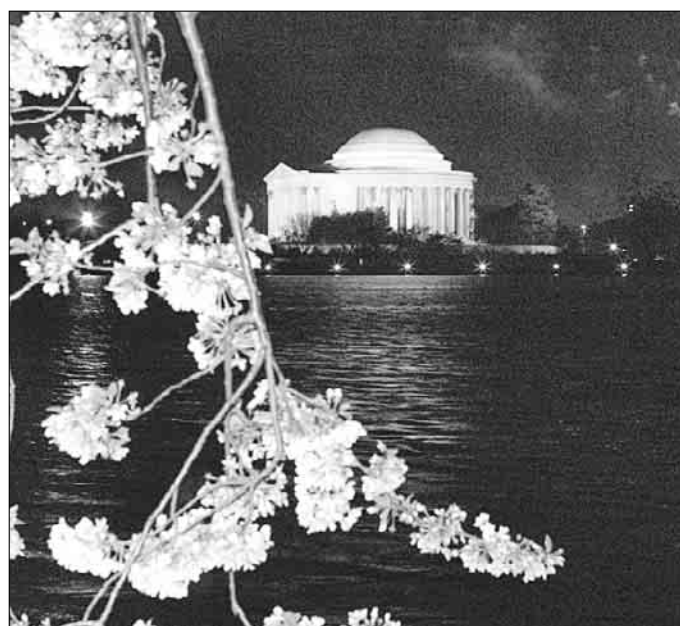
group writing catchier and more variegated songs. "I drove myself to the point of illness with how intensely I focused on this record," Banks told Rolling Stone in 2004. "I worked so hard on it that I cried the first time I heard it."

Maybe his shoes were too tight.

RYAN DOHERTY

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MUSIC | Dashboard Confessional. Bright Eyes. Queens of the Stone Age?

OK, one of these things — that means you, hard-rockin' Queens — is not like the others. Josh Homme will never be mistaken for a softie. But like fellow rock stars Chris Carrabba and Conor Oberst, he's the leader of a band known for its revolving door of sidemen.

Homme's most famous collaborator is D.C. hero Dave Grohl. The Foo Fighters frontman played drums on Queens' 2002 breakthrough album, "Songs for the Deaf," before rejoining his own band. And the most infamous

Queen is bassist/troublemaker Nick Oliveri, who left the group last year in a firestorm of controversy.

With or without them, Homme has kept his hot streak alive. The new Queens CD, "Lullabies to Paralyze," hits stores this week as one of the year's most anticipated rock releases. The band's current headlining tour, which stops by the 9:30 Club on Sunday, is playing to sold-out rooms across the land.

Homme, 31, has been a music biz darling since 1994. That's when his first Southern California stoner-rock outfit, Kyuss, released its major-label

SITTING IN: The current three-man lineup of QOTSA is bound to be as temporary as any of the mercurial Josh Homme's collaborations.

debut. But commercial success eluded him until "Songs for the Deaf," which yielded the brutal yet Beatlesque hit "No One Knows."

The latest Queens smash, "Little Sister," mines a similar vein of heavy psychedelia. Homme helped direct the video, a shadowy clip that obscures the identity of his bandmates. If you're keeping score, guitarist Troy Van Leeuwen and drummer Joey Castillo are his primary collaborators these days. The bassist on this tour is Dan Druff, who may or may not have gotten the job because of his excellent stage name.

Like his buddy Grohl, Homme is known for staying true to his DIY roots. After working with big-time producer Eric Valentine on "Songs for the Deaf," he called in long-time foil Joe Barresi for the follow-up. And his current opening act, SoCal punks Throw Rag, swims far from the mainstream.

Yet star power is far from absent on "Lullabies to Paralyze." Singer Brody Dalle, Homme's long-rumored girlfriend, makes an appearance. As does ZZ Top legend Billy Gibbons, whose brand of fuzz-guitar mayhem is an obvious influence on Queens.

Go ahead, call Queens of the Stone Age the Josh Homme Show. Just don't forget to buy a ticket — in advance — because it's a good one.

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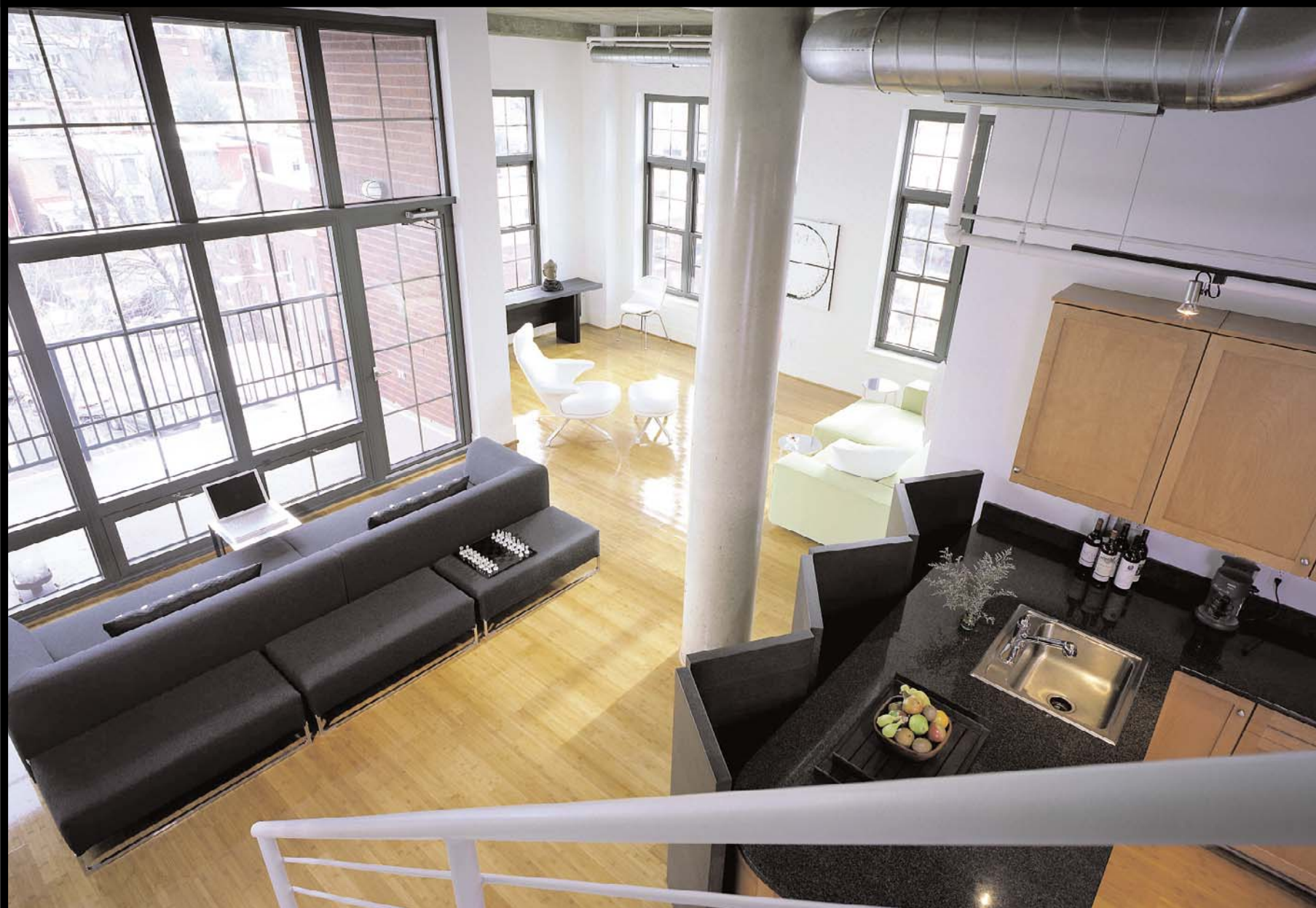
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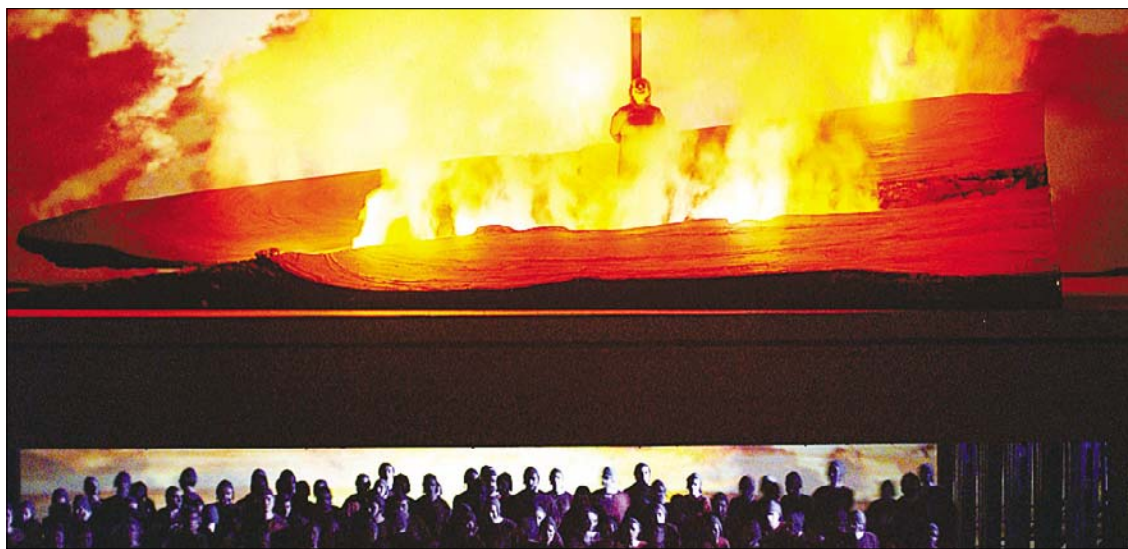
Burning With Faith

'Maid of Orleans' brings romance to the life of Joan of Arc

STAGE | The Washington National Opera's latest offering is an exercise in multiculturalism. It's a Russian opera based on a German tragedy about a French heroine, who is portrayed by an Italian soprano.

Tchaikovsky's 1881 opera "Maid of Orleans," which romanticizes the life of famously pious cross-dresser Joan of Arc, comes to the Kennedy Center opera house.

Tchaikovsky predicted that "Maid of Orleans" would make him famous. History conspired



FLAMING YOUTH: The Washington National Opera's version of Tchaikovsky's opera promises spectacle as well as art.

against him when Tsar Alexander II died in 1881, shortening the season and thus burying the opera for decades.

Superstar soprano Mirella Freni portrays the title character, whose story should be familiar to most religion and history students. Joan hears the voice of God, her prophecies earn her a spot at the head of the army, she's captured and accused of witchcraft, then burned at the stake.

The opera (per the play it's based on) adds a dimension the history books lack: Joan's love interest, Lionel (Sergei Leiferkus), an enemy knight. Historians might scoff and the religious might clutch their pearls, but really, what would an opera be without a good love duet?

ERIN O'CONNOR

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; opens Sat., March 26; also March 31, April 3, 5, 8 & 11; \$45-\$290; 800-551-7328. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

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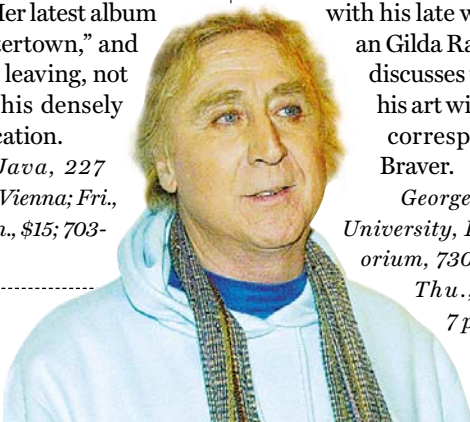
McKenna's music takes a melancholy course, but doesn't strike wrong notes.

Dark Lady: Lori McKenna

Growing up in a household full of music, Lori McKenna surprised no one when she became a folk singer-songwriter. Her latest album is called "Bittertown," and we hope she's leaving, not arriving at, this densely populated location.

Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Avenue, Vienna; Fri., March 25, 8 p.m., \$15; 703-255-1566.

Funnyman Wilder speaks out with a serious book.



Acoustic Grit: Kat Parsons

Born in Europe's musical Mecca of Vienna to music-loving, professional-singer parents, Kat Parsons was destined to music-dom. Humor, wit and grace are splashed all over the gutsy acoustic numbers on her album, "No Will Power," and her voice connects with any audience.

Iota Club & Café, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; Fri., March 25, 9:30 p.m., \$10; 703-522-8340. (Clarendon)

Let's Get Serious: Gene Wilder

Veteran comic Gene Wilder tells his side of the story with a recent memoir, "Kiss Me Like a Stranger: My Search for Love and Art." In it, he totes up his grievances and resentments and talks about his life

with his late wife, comedian Gilda Radner. Wilder discusses the book and his art with CBS News correspondent Rita Braver.

George Washington University, Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St. NW; Thu., March 24, 7 p.m.; 202-252-0012. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

The Man of Many Strings

Whether picking or steeling, there's only one Junior Brown

MUSIC | Hot licks, mean chicks and a road that goes on forever. Such are the home truths of the honky-tonk. And nobody lays them down like Junior Brown.

When he brings his band to the Birchmere on Friday night, Brown will prove once again that he's the string-slinger with the biggest holster in the biz.

He's got the Tele-neck for the twang and the lap steel for the whine, and won't put either of them down for a second. Brown's custom ax is the hybrid guit-steel. It may look ungainly, but in his hands it's a beautiful thing.

Last summer's "Down Home Chrome" found Brown stretching out without breaking a sweat, tearing the guit-steel up on a rockabilly raver like "Hill Country Hot Rod Man," then making it cry like a baby on the slow-burning Chicago string-bender "Monkey

Wrench Blues."

And it just wouldn't be a Junior platter if he didn't wrap his bass-baritone around a groan-inducing punfest like "Two Rons Don't Make It Right."

Additions to a repertoire that already includes such great bad-girl novelties as "Venom Wearin' Denim" and "My Wife Thinks You're Dead" are always welcome, but, as good as they are, Brown's records don't hold a candle to his live show.

The guitar nuts will be out in force, so line up early, score yourself a choice seat and some of the Birchmere's bourbon bread pudding, and prepare to be blown away. **GLENN DIXON**

Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; Fri., March 25, 7:30 p.m., \$25; 800-551-7328.

STEELY FAN: It's one ugly instrument, but it plays nice.



GEORGE BRAINARD

All Culture Is Personal

A novelist's essays mix high and low art in one mental hopper

PAGES | Every writer starts out as a reader. But every writer who came of age since at least the '60s begins also as a fan of pop forms that elder literati would've deemed beneath them: music, movies, comics, etc.

Best known for creating Tourette's-afflicted detective

Lionel Essrog in his award-winning 1999 novel "Motherless Brooklyn," Jonathan Lethem has also emerged as an essayist of note. The pieces collected in his latest book, "The Disappointment Artist," explore how enthusiasms as disparate as Philip K. Dick, Pink Floyd and John Cassavetes have



Lethem

combined in his "peculiar personal pantheon of influences." He reads from it Thursday.

"If you look at the DNA of my own writing, you can see that Kurt Vonnegut or Don DeLillo or the Talking Heads are inside me the way a parent is inside a person," Lethem said.

His actual parents are in there too. Lethem places his own artistic career in the context of that of his father, a realist painter. He

writes poignantly of taking his mother to see "Star Wars" one of the 21 times he saw it the summer she was dying: "Here's the world of cinema and stories and obsessive identification I'm using to survive your going — now go."

Everything's personal to Lethem, even when he's at his most critical. "Maybe one of the subjects in the book is my resistance to adopting the methods of a critic, because of the way they would displace the fan-nish pleasure I feel." GLENN DIXON

Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; Thu., March 24, 7 p.m.; free; 202-364-1919. (Van Ness-UDC)

LECTURES | SCRAWLING EPIC



ROUND AND ROUND: Washington Senators pitcher Walter Johnson amassed an impressive collection of signed baseballs early in the sport's history. Now, his grandson, Henry W. Thomas, discusses the strange fate of this collection at the National Archives, 700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; Thu., March 24, 7 p.m., free by contacting reservations.nwe@nara.gov.

Cleaning Up Hip-Hop

Rapper Jeru is on a mission to take the crime out of rhyme

MUSIC | Jeru The Damaja was furious at the faux-gangster rhymers in the early '90s. In a career-defining move, the Brooklyn rhymers, who plays Bohemian Caverns on Saturday, countered manufactured personas and anemic word-play with the renegade tune "Come Clean."

With DJ Premier's pungent drum bursts serving as a backdrop, Jeru shot flame-tipped verbal darts. Unlike today's beef-filled jams, his song didn't name names and didn't have to. "I don't gang-



TALKING BACK: Jeru's good-guy rhymes are compelling and clean.

bang or shoot out bang-bang," he rhymed in "Come Clean." "The relentless lyrics the only dope I slang." Premier later concocted engaging, sparse beatwork for all

of Jeru's intoxicating freshman set, "The Sun Rises in the East."

The union of Premier's minimalist tracks and Jeru's pronounced, conversational style was a purist hip-hopper's utopian sound. Jeru followed up the fantastic debut with "Wrath of the Math," including another barb-filled cut "Ya Playin' Yourself."

DJ Premier and Jeru sadly parted ways. But the Brooklynite has released two albums since, and his weighty words have cemented his place as a fearless purveyor of hip-hop from the heart. CRAIG SMITH

Bohemian Caverns, 2001 11th St. NW; with Flex Matthews, Haysoos, Sat., March 26, 10 p.m., \$12; 202-369-7588. (U St.-Cardozo)

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Devolving a Classic

Ashton Kutcher and Bernie Mac laugh at film history's expense

REMAKES | "I was the nice guy," said Ashton Kutcher earnestly. "So I think that I was, like, the guy that parents wanted their daughters to bring home, but then girls weren't interested in me."

In a reversal of his real-life dating experience, Kutcher plays a guy who doesn't quite measure up to the expectations of his girlfriend's family in the new comedy "Guess Who."

"Guess Who" was inspired by the groundbreaking 1967 classic "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner," starring Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn and Sidney Poitier. The original was about a white girl who



THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING: Ashton Kutcher steps into Sidney Poitier's shoes.

"I had to be able to say things that were going to make me feel uncomfortable."

brings her brainy black boyfriend home to meet her bigoted father and milquetoast mom. "Guess Who" takes a more lighthearted look at interracial dating, pitting Kutcher against Bernie Mac as the girl's father. It's comedic in tone, yet the underlying theme about prejudice remains.

Remaking the classic with the

racers reversed flowed from a convergence of ideas among Kutcher, Mac and Columbia Pictures.

Kutcher envisioned Mac as the overprotective father who balks when his daughter brings home a white boyfriend. He never asked whom Mac had in mind for his part. "I didn't want to hear him say, 'Well, we wanted Orlando Bloom, but we got you,'" he said.

Mac's Percy Jones is a happily married, successful bank loan officer who enjoys NASCAR. Kutcher's Simon Green comes from a broken family, is newly unemployed and uninterested in sports.

Tensions build between the two men, culminating in an explosive dinner scene. Thinking he's breaking the ice by acknowledging the existence of racism, Simon pushes the envelope with a tasteless joke.

"I had to be able to say things that were going to make me feel uncomfortable and [Bernie] was going to have to say things that made him feel uncomfortable. We just did it." ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

Indies&Arties

→ Godard and Lumet

AFI Silver screens Jean-Luc Godard's tour de force, "Masculine-Feminine" for an entire week. This 1966 masterpiece about "the children of Marx and Coca-Cola" — kids who are ready to commodify themselves but still buffeted by hormones and a desire to engage with the world — is out in a gorgeous new 35mm print with brand-new subtitles. On Sunday, Sidney Lumet's "Dog Day Afternoon" screens at 1 p.m. 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; Fri., March 25 through Thu., March 31, 301-495-6720.

→ African Film

On Sunday at 2 p.m., the National Museum of African Art explores various aspects of sub-Saharan African art in the film "African Art: Its Cultural Meaning." "Fang: An Epic Journey" follows. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600.

→ Days of Future Passed: The Films of Wong Kar-Wai

The film festival featuring the Hong Kong director closes on Thursday

with a final screening of "Chunking Express" at 6:30 p.m. 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 301-495-6720.

→ National Film Registry

The Library of Congress busts out on Thursday in the form of "Men in Black," the 1931 Three Stooges feature film best known for the intercom call, "Dr. Howard, Dr. Fine, Dr. Howard," and gets into heavy-breathing animation on Friday with Ralph Bakshi's demonic-erotic mondo cartoon "Doctor Ha-Ha." It screens with the Looney Tunes classic "Bewitched Bunny." James Madison Memorial Building, 101 Independence Ave. SE; both programs begin at 7 p.m., free; 202-707-5677. (EXPRESS)



READ ALL OVER: Jean-Pierre Léaud as the drifting hero in "Masculine."

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 The Ring Two

This campy scream-a-thon of a blockbuster sequel will have you alternating between freaking and cackling, but it certainly has its creepy qualities. DESSON THOMSON

2 Robots

It has great production design, but the characters in this story of a people's revolt in a world of machines have the personalities of toasters. STEPHEN HUNTER

3 The Pacifier

There's nothing endearing about a wooden Vin Diesel dealing with baby vomit and petulant teens as a Navy SEAL hired to protect a family. DESSON THOMSON

4 Ice Princess

It's a somewhat formulaic if nevertheless crudely effective manipulation of the figure skating themes us girls love so much — cliques, gossip, sparkles and all. STEPHEN HUNTER



COOL IS SO RETRO; NOW WE'RE JUST PRETTY: Uma Thurman and Andre 3000 are just a couple of the many vivid personalities in the overstuffed, joyless "Be Cool."

5 Hitch

Will Smith has enough smarts to laugh at himself playing a successful "date doctor." The film works best with Smith and Kevin James having a blast. SEAN DALY

6 Hostage

By the time Bruce Willis' character saves the day, it's filmgoers who will feel like prisoners. ANN HORNADAY

7 Be Cool

John Travolta fails to re-evolve the "Get Shorty" spirit here; everything enjoyable and edgy about the previous film is here an overwrought mess. DESSON THOMSON

8 Million Dollar Baby

The Oscar-winning film's heart lies in the core relationships among the characters — so pure, so genuine, so authentic. ANN HORNADAY

9 Diary of a Mad Black Woman

This grassroots megahit is three not-very-good movies in one, none of them big enough to contain all the scenery-chewing. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

10 Constantine

It has some great visual passages, and Keanu Reeves is endearing for his off-handedness, but the screenplay is uninviting. DESSON THOMSON

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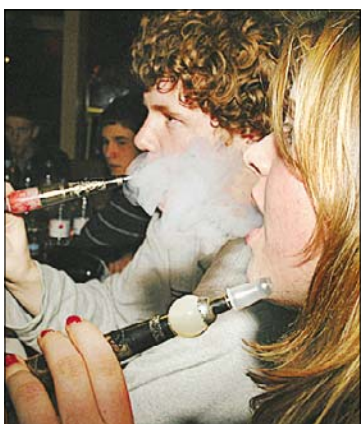
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Going Out | Hookah Lounges

Call it a hookah, a shisha (the Egyptian term) or a nargilah (the Syrian one). Whatever the name, there's something about the exotic smoking apparatus that has D.C. denizens putting down their cigars and cigarettes in favor of fruit-flavored vapor.

While it may look intimidating — all those hoses! — hookahs aren't hard. The water pipe generates its sweet, moist smoke from molasses-soaked tobacco, kept lit by a circular coal. Smokers suck through the hoses (generally one, though there are two-nozzle versions for the impatient), and unlike a cigarette, most don't inhale. The smoke's mild enough for even a habitual non-smoker to try without fear. Flavors range from the ever-popular apple to the exotic sweet melon to the questionable black licorice.

PRINCE CAFE: With branches in Georgetown, Fairfax and College Park (see cafeprince.com for info), Prince



Mary Simonds and Tyler Phillips partake at Georgetown's Prince Cafe.

has become the hookah joint of choice for local college students. \$8.95 gets you one bowl of tobacco, which usually lasts two people 30 to 45 minutes. Want to recreate the experience back home? Prince also sells hookahs (prices range from a \$25 mini-model to a \$125 double-hosed monstrosity), flavored tobacco (\$10 a box) and coals (\$2 for a roll of ten).

LEMUR LOUNGE: On Friday nights at 10 p.m., Old Town Alexandria's Casablanca (1504 King St.; 703-549-6464) transforms from a posh Moroccan restaurant into the Lemur Lounge, a club featuring local and national DJ's, a full bar and ... hoo-

kahs! For \$10, clubgoers can chill with a shisha; although the flavor selection is limited, they do offer the basics — apple, strawberry and mixed fruit.

OASIS CAFE: This one's open all night for insomniac Falls Churchers in need of a hookah fix or Middle Eastern grub. But don't show up expecting to get crunked: Oasis is a strictly non-alcoholic establishment. A hookah session here will run you \$6.25, the best deal in town.

CHI-CHA LOUNGE: As at Ecaudorian owner Mauricio Fraga-Rosenfeld's three other spaces (Agua Ardiente, Gua Rapo and Gazuza; see latinconcepts.com for locations), Chi-Cha's hookahs are served in a clearly non-Middle Eastern atmosphere (1624 U St. NW; 202-234-8400). South American cuisine and live Spanish music blend with plush couches and lots of sweet-smelling smoke, and a full bar complements the darkly lit lounge. Alongside the standard flavors is black licorice, the tobacco equivalent of New Coke. "We run out of all our flavors except for licorice," said manager Shawnda Keiley, who prefers a mix of mint and cherry. One bowl costs \$18, bringing new urgency to the phrase "Puff, puff, pass." JOSHUA DAVIDOVICH

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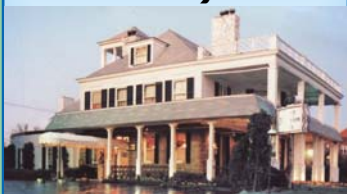
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Those who regard the cherry blossoms as a fluffy canker that flares up every spring — and if so, what kind of kitten-rainbow-hating freak are you?! — can still exploit the coming frenzy. As part of the **NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL** (March 26 to April 10), several local restaurants are whipping up cherry-related entrees and desserts; if you've never had seared duck with cherry-grappa sauce at Ristorante Tosca, now's your chance. Meanwhile, the grenadine will be flowing at participating bars. Or, you could go to the Tidal Basin and watch the tourists expectantly aiming their video cameras at unmoving branches. It's your choice. (EXPRESS)

See www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org for the full list.

DEBUTS

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We've all heard Washington called "Hollywood on the Potomac" — but besides everyone in the city having seen George Clooney at least once in the "K Street" days, there's not a lot of evidence. Because of this, **OYA RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE**, opening today, wants to give downtown a dose of Los Angeles glam. The decor is minimalist, the menu Caribbean-influenced, the cocktails rum-infused. Beautiful people can munch on 'O' Rolls, Chef John Kingsley's chicken curry-stuffed riff on the California roll; entrees include pimento-crusted duck or jerk chicken ravioli. (EXPRESS)

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Ask Tom

Are you aware of anywhere in the area that serves conch?

I've had conch stew at both Ceiba and the new 21 P.

Ceiba: 701 14th St. NW; 202-393-3983. (Metro Center)

21 P: 2100 P St. NW; 202-223-3824. (Dupont Circle)

Try the conch fritters at Cafe Atlantico!

405 8th St. NW; 202-393-0812. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)

Our two-year anniversary is on

Friday. We went out for sushi on our first date and want to celebrate with the same. What do you think: Sushi-Ko or Kaz? Or somewhere else?

Both are very good. For the best experience, reserve a seat at the counter rather than a table. And don't forget the equally delectable, and more formal, Makoto.

Sushi-Ko: 2309 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-4187.

Kaz: 1915 I St. NW; 202-530-5500. (Foggy Bottom)

Makoto: 4822 MacArthur Blvd. NW; 202-298-6866.

Know any good upscale barbecue places? I'm looking for someplace with table service and real plates, not counter service and plastic.

I like Old Glory in Georgetown for that kind of cue.

3139 M St. NW; 202-337-3406.

Washington Post Sunday Magazine columnist **TOM SIETSEMA** talks restaurants Wednesdays at 11 a.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

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9:30 Club: Fri., Interpol, 9 p.m., sold out; Sat., Interpol, 7 p.m., sold out; Sat., Fatboy Slim, 11:30 p.m., \$35; Sun., Queens of the Stone Age, 7:30 p.m., sold out. 815 V St. NW; 202-265-0930.

Apex: Thu., College Night, 9 p.m., \$5, free to students; Fri., DJ Tony Velasco, 9 p.m., \$8; Sat., Liquid Ladies, 9 p.m., \$8. 415 22nd St. NW; 202-296-0505.

Birchmere Music Hall: Fri., Junior Brown, 7:30 p.m., \$25; Sat., Cleve Francis, 7:30 p.m., \$23.50. 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 800-551-7328.

Black Cat: Thu., Crooked Fingers, 8:30 p.m., \$12; Fri., Young & Rollins, 9 p.m., \$10; Sat., French Kicks, 9 p.m., \$10. 1811 14th St. NW; 202-667-7960.

Blues Alley: Thu.-Fri., Pieces of a Dream, 8 p.m., 10 p.m., \$27.50; Sat., Pieces of a Dream, 8 & 10 p.m., midnight, \$27.50; Sun., Pieces of a Dream, 8 & 10 p.m., \$27.50. 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-337-4141.

The Classics: Sat., Suttle Thoughts, 10 p.m., \$10; Sun., Rare Essence, 10 p.m., \$20. 4591 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, Md.; 301-420-5353.

Club Amazon: Thu., Big G Project, 10 p.m., \$10-\$15; Fri., International Fridays, 10 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sat., Lissen Band, 11 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sun., Flow College Night, 10 p.m., \$10. 13501 Baltimore Ave., Laurel, Md.; 301-210-3466.

Club Five: Thu., Pasion, 10 p.m., \$5; Fri., Malente, Thunderball, John, 9 p.m., \$10; Sat., Dimitri from Paris, 10 p.m., \$10. 1214-B 18th St. NW; 202-331-7123.

Crossroads: Thu., Anything Goes Thursday, 10 p.m., \$10-\$15; Fri., Escape Fridays, 10 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sat., Elephant Man, 9 p.m., \$25; Sun., Steelie Bashment, 10 p.m., \$10-\$15. 4103 Baltimore Ave., Bladensburg; 301-927-1056.

Daedalus: Thu., College Nite, 10:30 p.m., \$10-\$15; Fri.-Sat., Asian Nite, 10:30 p.m., \$10-\$15. 1010 Vermont Ave. NW; 202-347-9066.

DAR Constitution Hall: Thu., Maze, 8 p.m., \$60; Fri., Brian Culbertson, Lalah Hathaway, Norman Brown, Wayman Tisdale, 8 p.m., \$60.75; Sat., Bhangra Blow-out, 7 p.m., \$35. 1776 D St. NW; 202-628-4780.

DC 9: Thu., Brendan O'Shea, 9 p.m., \$7; Fri., Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m., \$5; Sat., Electrotease, 9 p.m., \$5; Sun., Nimat,

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HEAVY HITTER: Fresh off his recent appearances at South by Southwest and the Winter Music Conference, techno poster boy and creator of the interminably ear-wormy electro-shuffle "Rockafeller Skank" Fatboy Slim rocks the 9:30 Club on Saturday. And by the way, Fat? Love the shirt.

8 p.m., \$10. 1949 9th St. NW; 202-483-5000.

Dream: Thu., Earth Thursdays, 9 p.m., \$20; Fri., Dream Fridays, 8 p.m., \$20; Sat., Bhangra Night, 9 p.m., \$20. 1350 Okie St. NE; 202-636-9030.

Fur: Thu., Sex in the City feat. Jon B, K'Alyn, 8 p.m., \$16.50; Fri., Ruf, 9:30 p.m., \$15; Sat., Glow feat. Dan Sampson, 9 p.m., \$15. 33 Patterson St. NE; 202-842-3401.

Galaxy Hut: Sat., Kaiser Cartel; Sun., Plums; all shows 9:45 p.m., free. 2711 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-525-8646.

H20: Thu., Usual Suspects (Happy Hour & Party), 5-11 p.m., \$15; Fri., Wilfrido Vargas, Models & Bottles, 9 p.m., \$15; Sat.,

Soulfood Saturdays, 9 p.m., \$15; Sun., Kindred, 7 p.m., \$35. 800 Water St. SW; 202-484-6300.

Historic Avalon Theatre: Thu., Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, 8 p.m., \$25; Sat., Austin Cody, 8 p.m., \$15. 40 East Dover St., Easton, Md.; 410-822-7299.

Iota Club & Café: Thu., Getaway Car, the Argument, Parklife, 9 p.m., \$10; Fri., Kat Parsons, 9:30 p.m., \$10; Sat., Twine-men, 9:30 p.m., \$12; Sun., Gena Rowlands Band, 8:30 p.m., \$10. 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-522-8340.

Jammin' Java: Thu., Mike Thornton, 8 p.m., \$12; Fri., Lori McKenna, 8 p.m., \$15; Sat., October Project, 7 p.m., \$20; Sun., Deanna Bogart, 9:30 p.m., \$15. 227

Maple Ave., Vienna; 703-255-1566.

Jaxx: Thu., Amorphis, 7:15 p.m., \$15; Fri., Funny Money, 7:45 p.m., \$10; Sat., We Rise Entertainment Showcase, 2:15 p.m., \$10. 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield, Va.; 703-569-5940.

Juste Lounge: Fri., 4Play Friday, 5 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sat., Mingles Saturdays, 9 p.m., free before 11 p.m. 1015 1/2 7th St. NW; 202-393-3909.

Kennedy Center, Terrace Theater: Fri., Count Basie Orchestra featuring Nnenna Freelon, 7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., sold out. 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

Lincoln Theatre: Fri., King Sunny Ade, 9 p.m., \$29.95. 1215 U St. NW; 202-328-6000.

Madam's Organ: Thu., Johnny Artis Band, 9:30 p.m.; Fri., Catfish Hodge Band, 10 p.m.; Sat., Bobby Parker, 10 p.m.; Sun., Lucky Dog, 9:30 p.m. 2461 18th St. NW; 202-667-5370.

Nation: Thu., Alchemy, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15; Fri., Cubik feat. Beats & Treats, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sat., Velvet Nation feat. DJ Chris Cox, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15. Sun., Sunday Mass feat. DJ Blaine Soileau, 6 a.m.-noon; \$10; 1015 Half St. SE; 202-554-1500.

Ottobar: Thu., New Found Glory, 6:45 p.m., sold out; Fri., Bad Wizard, 10 p.m., \$8; Sat., Oranges Band, 10 p.m., \$8; Sun., Grand Buffet, 9 p.m., \$8. 2549 N. Howard St., Baltimore; 410-662-0069.

Pearl: Thu., Pearl Jam, 6 p.m., \$10; Fri., After 5 (Happy Hour & Party), 5:30 p.m., \$10; Sat., Suite 901, 9 p.m., \$20; Super Sex Sundays, 9 p.m., \$10. 901 9th St. NW; 202-371-0681.

Platinum: Thu., College Thursdays; Fri., Plush Fridays; Sat., Beautiful Saturdays; Sun., Platinum Sundays, all nights 9 p.m., \$10-\$15. 915 F St. NW; 202-393-3555.

Rams Head Tavern: Thu., The Bridge, Dexter Down, 8 p.m., \$12.50; Sat., Junior Brown, 7 p.m., \$29.50. 33 West St., Annapolis, Md.; 410-268-4545.

Republic Gardens: Thu., Live Jazz Happy Hour, 6 p.m., \$10; Fri., Ol' School Happy Hour, 6 p.m., \$10; Sat., Remedy, 9 p.m., \$10. 1355 U St. NW; 202-232-2710.

Ronald Reagan Building: Thu., Doc Scantlin, 8 p.m., \$34-\$95; Fri.-Sat., Capitol Steps, 7:30 p.m., \$32-\$34. 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-312-1300.

Singapore Bistro: Fri., Krunk feat. DJ Eurok, 11 p.m., \$5. 1134 19th St. NW; 202-262-8950.

State Theater: Thu., Larry Sparks, King Wilkie, 7:30 p.m.,

ROAD TRIP: Austin Cody, at the Historic Avalon Theatre in Easton, Md., on Saturday, - doesn't wear a cowboy hat; it would mess up his gelled, frosted tips.

\$18; Fri., The Smithereens, 9 p.m., \$19. Sat., Bob Margolin, Rev. Billy C. Wirtz, 9 p.m., \$13; Sun., Toots and the Maytals, 9 p.m., \$25. 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; 800-551-7328.

Twins Jazz: Thu., Eric Wheeler Trio, 8 p.m., \$10; Fri. & Sat., Malachi Thompson, 9 p.m., 11 p.m., \$17. 1344 U St. NW; 202-234-0072.

Velvet Lounge: Thu.-Sun., Emergenza Festival, 8 p.m., free. 915 U St. NW; 202-462-3213.

Warehouse Next Door: Thu., Horses, 8:30 p.m., \$6; Fri., Enon, 9 p.m.; Sat., Million Dollar Marxists, 8 p.m., \$7; Sun., Defiance, 8:30 p.m. 1017 7th St. NW; 202-783-3933.

Whitlow's on Wilson: Thu., Soldiers of Jah Army; Fri., Domestic Violins; Sat., Brother Shamus; all shows 9:30 p.m., \$4-\$5. 2854 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-276-9693.

Wolf Trap: Thu., Tom Paxton, 8 p.m., sold out; Fri., Karen Akers, 8 p.m., \$25; Sat., Karen Akers, 7:30 p.m., \$25. 1635 Trap Road, Vienna; 301-255-1900.

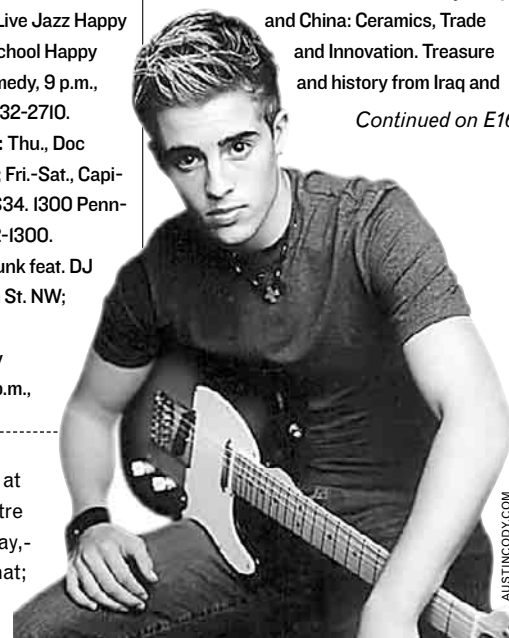
Zanzibar: Thu., After Work Dance Party, 5 p.m., free until 7 p.m., \$10 after; Fri., Fusion Happy Hour, 5 p.m., International Nite, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sat., International Saturdays, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15. 700 Water St. NW; 202-554-9100.

SIGHT

Anacostia Museum: On Their Own: Selected Works by Self-Taught Artists. Chris Clark, Mary Proctor, Simon Jackson, Ruby Williams are just a few of the self-taught artists on display. The Art of Charles Smith. New Orleans artist's cast-iron sculptures. In Celebration of Black Men: The Quilt. Thirteen Washington-area African-Americans created the story quilt in 1995, through June 12. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-287-2061.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: Iraq and China: Ceramics, Trade and Innovation. Treasure and history from Iraq and

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BITS AND PIECES: Snowed out here in January, '80s pop-rockers the Smithereens make one up for the fans. Cheer for the hits ("Blood and Roses," "Behind the Wall of Sleep") at the State Theatre on Friday.

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China, through April 24. Cai Guo-Qiang: Traveler. Contemporary Chinese-born artist on display at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sackler Gallery, through April 24. **Asian Games: The Art of the Contest.** Influential games out of Asia, through May 15. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-357-4880.

LAST CHANCE Conner Contemporary: Joe Ovelman: Snow Queen. Provocative photographs starring the artist adrift, through March 26. Chul Hyun Ahn: New Work. The multi-media artist's works in wood, mirrors and lights, through March 26. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: 2005 BFA Senior Thesis Exhibition. The Corcoran School of Art and Design's graduating class puts its work on display, through May 16. **Figuratively Speaking:** The Human Form in American Art. Examines diversity in how American artists represent the body, through May 23. **48th Corcoran Biennial: Closer to Home.** Contemporary artists informed by traditional arts, opens Saturday, through June 17. **Majolica:** Italian Renaissance Ceramics. Decorated tin-glazed earthenware from Renaissance Italy, through July 11. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700.

Cultural Institute of Mexico: Mexican Report: Contemporary Mexican Art. A survey of artists living in Mexico, through

April 22. 2829 16th St. NW; 202-728-1628.

Embassy of Finland: Pop Fantasies: Furniture Design by Eero Aarnio, through May 8. 3301 Massachusetts Ave. NW; through May 8, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed March 25-28); free; 202-298-5886.

Folger Shakespeare Library: Letter-Writing in Renaissance England. An overview of the early 16th- through 18th-century culture of letter-writing, through April 2. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077.

Fraser Gallery Bethesda: Fourth Annual Bethesda International Photography Competition, through April 6. 7700E Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9651.

Fraser Gallery Georgetown: Lida Moser, almost a century of American photography, opens Fri., through April 13. 1054 31st St., NW; 202-298-6450.

Freer Gallery of Art: Luxury and Luminosity. Ming dynasty treasures including porcelain, textiles and paintings, through June 26. **Boating on a River.** Role of boats in Chinese painting, through Aug. 14. **Rusticity Refined:** Kyoto Ceramics by Ninsei. Survey of 17th-century artist Nonomura Ninsei, one of Japan's greatest potters, through Sept. 18. **Black and White,** Chinese ceramics from the 10th-14th centuries, through Dec. 31. 12th Street and Jefferson Drive SW; 202-357-2700.

Fusebox: Valeska Soares: Notations. A mixed-media exhibition, through April 9. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-299-9220.

LAST CHANCE G Fine Art: Loop: Explores the role of loops in contemporary audio and visual art, through March 26. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-462-1601.

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Max Hirshfeld: One Shot. Large-scale, colorful prints of ordinary people in common places, through March 26. Eliot Elisofon: 1930s and 1940s photographs from Life Magazine photographer, through March 26. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601.

Hillwood Museum and Gardens: Eva Zeisel: The Playful Search for Beauty. The first survey of the designer's work in 20 years, through Dec. 4. 1227 34th St. NW; 202-686-5807.

Hirshhorn Museum: Cai Guo-Qiang: Directions. Contemporary Chinese-born artist on display at the Hirshhorn and Sackler, through April 24. Isamu Noguchi: Master Sculptor. Works by Japanese-American sculptor, through May 8. Independence Avenue at 7th Street SW; 202-633-4674.

LAST CHANCE International Visions — **The Gallery:** Kevin Cole And Frank Smith. Cole's three-dimensional abstract assemblages compliment well with Smith's colorful, improvised canvases, through March 26. 2629 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-5112.

Irvine Contemporary Art: Peter Charles. Three-dimensional works by a local artist, through April 16. 1710 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-8767.

Kennedy Center, Terrace Gallery: Fabulous! Fashions of the 1940s. Show highlighting the fashions of the decade, opens Friday, through April 14. 2700 F St.

NW; 202-467-4600.

LAST CHANCE National Building Museum: Origami as Architecture. Showcases the traditional art of paper-folding and new forms of architecture inspired by the art, through March 27. Liquid Stone: New Architecture in Concrete. Recent projects displaying the material's strength, versatility and potential, through

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RAW POWER: A 17th-century water jar for tea ceremonies is among the elegant everyday ceramics from Kyoto in the Free Gallery's "Rusticity Refined."

April 17. New Designs for Public Space. How public space can generate urban revitalization, through May 15. Recent Acquisitions: Six Centuries of Prints and Drawings. 142 of the finest works of art on paper acquired by the museum in the past five years, through May 30. Tools of the

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THROUGH THE LENS: In only its fourth year, Fraser Gallery's Bethesda International Photography Competition attracts some of the world's most innovative and expressive shutterbugs (that's "Disconcertainty" by Gregory Scott). The show of the selected works runs through April 6.

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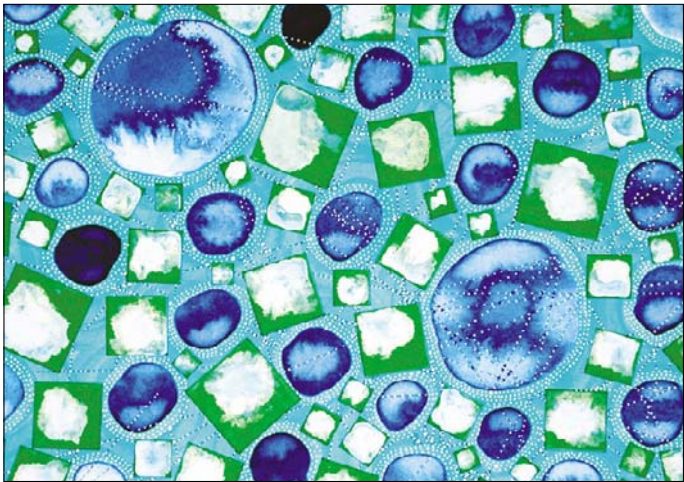
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Imagination. Architects' and designers' tools, through Oct. 10. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448.

National Gallery of Art: Gilbert Stuart: over 90 works by the early American portraitist, March 27 though July 31. Rembrandt's Late Religious Portraits, from late 1650s and early 1660s, through May 1. André Kertész. A retrospective of the photographer's 70-year-plus career, through May 15. Fauve Painting From the Permanent Collection. Matisse and fellow "wild beasts," through May 30. Cotton Puffs, Q-Tips, Smoke and Mirrors: The Drawings of Ed Ruscha. Juxtaposed words and images from the contemporary artist, through May 30. Toulouse-Lautrec and Montmartre. About 250 paintings, drawings, sculptures and more, through June 12. Jan de Bray and the Classical Tradition. Works from the Dutch portraitist, through Aug. 14. 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-737-4215.

National Geographic Society: Peru:

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MARSHA MATEYKA GALLERY

SIGHT WAVES: No, it's not the microscopic fungus you studied in 8th grade; it's "Broken Ocean," one of the paintings by Andrea Way, on display at Marsha Mateyka Gallery through Saturday. Hurry up, the fungi are dying!

Indigenous and Viceregal. The cultural and artistic achievements of Peru, through May 30. Mapping With Paper and Pixel, through April 25. 17th and M streets NW; 202-857-7588.

National Museum of African Art:

Treasures. Highlights of the museum's pieces and private collections, through Aug. 15. Textures: Word and Symbol in Contemporary African Art. Text or graphic symbols in art, through Sept. 9. The Art of the Personal Object, permanent. Ceramics

at NMAA, permanent. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600.

National Museum of American History: Preserving the Star-Spangled Banner: The Flag That Inspired the National Anthem Exhibition Tour, Thursdays at 11 a.m. through March 31. Chasing Venus: Observing the Transport of Venus, 1631-2004; through April 3. World War II Photographic Perspectives, through May 30. Separate Is Not Equal: Brown v. Board of Education. Exhibit reflecting on the 50th anniversary of the integration decision, through May 31. Ralph Bunche: African-American/Global Citizen. The many identities and achievements of the U.N. diplomat, Nobel Peace Prize winner and mediator, through July 5. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000.

National Museum of the American Indian: Our Universes: Traditional Knowledge Shapes Our World, ongoing. Native Modernism: George Morrison and Allan Houser, ongoing. 4th Street and Jefferson Drive SW, 202-633-1000.

LAST CHANCE National Museum of Natural History: In Focus: National Geographic's Greatest Portraits, though

Mid-April. Orchids: The Orchid Express: From Mountaintop to Tabletop. Discusses the transformation and discovery of the flower, through May 1. Hawaiian Treasures. Presents key objects of Hawaiian cultural and ethnic identity, through March. 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-357-2700.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: Sheila Isham: The Victoria Series, Isham's five powerful paintings that pay tribute to her daughter, who died of AIDS, through April 24. Berthe Morisot: An Impressionist and Her Circle. More than 75 works by Morisot and her colleagues, through May 8. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000.

National Postal Museum: In the Line of Duty: Dangers, Disasters and Good Deeds. An exhibition dedicated to America's postal workers, through Oct 7. 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE; 202-633-1000.

Numark Gallery: Shimon Attie: The History of Another. Photographs from various sites, through April 9. 625-27 E St. NW; 202-628-3810.

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BE COOL (PG13) 1:45, 4:40, 7:35, 10:35
THE JACKET (R) 10:00 PM
THE PACIFIER (PG) 12:30, 2:10, 3:10, 4:45, 5:45, 7:25, 8:25
CURSED (PG13) 3:35, 5:55, 8:20, 10:40
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG13) 1:35, 4:30, 7:30, 9:20, 10:30
CONSTANTINE (R) 1:40, 4:50, 8:00
HITCH (PG13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:10
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THE AVIATOR (PG13) 12:10, 4:00

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BE COOL (PG13) 1:50, 4:45, 7:45
THE PACIFIER (PG) 1:50, 4:45, 7:45
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG13) 2:00, 5:30, 8:30

ACADEMY 8

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THE RING TWO (PG13) ✓ 4:30, 7:20, 10:00
HOSTAGE (R) 4:40, 7:30, 10:10
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HOSTAGE (R) 11:00, 2:10, 5:10, 8:00, 10:45
THE PASSION RECUT (NR-NOT RATED) 12:20, 3:00
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ROBOTS (PG) CC DV 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 8:50
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CURSED (PG13) 5:40, 8:30, 10:40
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG13) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 10:10
CONSTANTINE (R) 12:05, 2:50, 5:30, 8:05, 10:40
HITCH (PG13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 10:05
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG13) 12:50, 4:15, 7:30, 10:25

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ICE PRINCESS (G) 2:20, 4:35, 7:15, 9:35
HOSTAGE (R) 2:15, 5:05, 7:40, 10:10
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG13) 2:45, 5:30, 8:00
MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG13) 6:45, 9:15
MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG13) CC DV 6:45, 9:15
POOH'S HEFFALUMP MOVIE (G) 2:35, 4:20
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SIDEWAYS (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:35

COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

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HOSTAGE (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:40
ROBOTS (PG) 2:30, 5:25, 7:50, 9:55
THE PACIFIER (PG) 1:40, 4:40, 7:20, 9:35
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
SIDEWAYS (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50

COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6

Country Club Mall on Vocke Rd near Route 68.
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ROBOTS (PG) ✓ 12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:45, 10:05
BE COOL (PG13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50
THE PACIFIER (PG) 12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:45, 10:05
HITCH (PG13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40

COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway
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MISS CONGENIALITY 2 (PG13) 12:00, 1:10, 2:40, 4:10, 5:30, 7:10, 8:10, 10:00, 10:50
MISS CONGENIALITY 2 (PG13) CC DV 2:40
ICE PRINCESS (G) ✓ 12:30, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:40
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DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG13) 1:40, 4:35, 7:20, 10:15
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HOSTAGE (R) 1:50, 4:50, 7:40
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ROBOTS (PG) 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 9:30
BE COOL (PG13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:20
THE PACIFIER (PG) 2:20, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG13) 2:10, 4:10, 5:10, 6:50, 7:50, 9:40
CONSTANTINE (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
HITCH (PG13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:00, 9:50

SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

Loisdale and Franconia Road
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MISS CONGENIALITY 2 (PG13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
ICE PRINCESS (G) ✓ 1:35, 4:35, 7:20, 9:45
THE RING TWO (PG13) ✓ 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:35, 9:40, 10:15
HOSTAGE (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
ROBOTS (PG) 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 9:30
BE COOL (PG13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
THE PACIFIER (PG) 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 9:50
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG13) 1:15, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00
HITCH (PG13) 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 9:55
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MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (12:40 3:30) 6:30 9:20

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★ ICE PRINCESS (G) (12:00 2:15 4:30) 7:00 9:15
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HOSTAGE (R) (1:30 4:15) 7:15 9:50
BE COOL (PG-13) (1:00 4:00) 6:30 9:30
THE PACIFIER (PG) (1:15 3:45) 6:00 8:45
HITCH (PG-13) (1:45 5:00) 7:30 10:00
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (12:45 3:30) 6:15 9:40

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DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) (ON 3 SCREENS) (11:30 12:30 1:30 2:30 3:40 4:40 5:30) 6:40 7:40 8:30 9:30 10:30
★ THE RING TWO (PG-13) (ON 3 SCREENS) (11:00 12:00 1:00 1:40 2:40 3:30 4:20 5:20) 6:30 7:00 8:00 9:00 10:40
★ ROBOTS (PG) (ON 2 SCREENS) (11:20 12:20 1:50 2:50 4:25 5:25) 6:50 7:50 10:25
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THE PACIFIER (PG) (11:40 2:10 5:10) 8:10 10:50
CONSTANTINE (R) 9:20 P.M.
HITCH (PG-13) (12:10 3:10) 6:10 9:10
ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) (11:10) A.M.

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OFF THE MAP (NR) (1:20 4:00) 6:50 9:50
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BRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG-13) (2:00 4:40) 7:20 10:00
BAD EDUCATION (NC-17) (1:30 4:10) 7:00 9:45
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) (1:00 3:50) 6:40 9:30

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ROBOTS (PG) (2:45 5:00) 7:15 9:30

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BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG) (1:00 3:40)
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) 6:20 9:00

★ THE RING TWO (PG-13) (ON 3 SCREENS) (11:40 12:50 1:35 2:30 3:30 4:15 5:20) 6:10 7:05 7:50 8:50 9:45 10:15
★ ICE PRINCESS (G) (12:45 3:15 5:45) 7:55 10:05

ROBOTS Rear Window Captioning (PG) (11:20 1:50 4:20) 7:00 9:30
HOSTAGE (R) (12:30 3:10 5:50) 8:40
THE PACIFIER (PG) (12:35 3:05 5:35) 7:55 10:05
BE COOL (PG-13) (12:00 2:50 5:40) 8:30

THE PACIFIER (PG) (ON 2 SCREENS) (11:10 12:05 1:30 2:25 4:00 4:55) 6:30 9:10
BRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG-13) (11:30 2:10 4:50) 7:30 10:00
CONSTANTINE (R) 7:25 10:05
HITCH (PG-13) (11:50 2:40 5:30) 8:20
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (12:55 3:45) 6:45 9:45
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (12:40) 6:40
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SIDEWAYS (R) (3:50) 9:40

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★ DOWNFALL (R) (12:40 3:40) 6:40 9:40
SCHULTZ GETS THE BLUES (PG) (1:40 4:00) 7:10 10:00
BRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG-13) (12:50 3:30) 6:20 9:00
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (1:00 4:30) 8:00
SIDEWAYS (R) (1:30 4:10) 7:20 9:50

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BE COOL (PG-13) (1:00 4:05) 6:50 9:40
THE PACIFIER (PG) (1:30 3:50) 6:30 9:00
HITCH (PG-13) (1:10 4:00) 6:40 9:20
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (12:50 3:40) 6:20 9:20
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) (5:20)
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (1:50) 8:00

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★ ICE PRINCESS (G) (2:10 4:35) 7:10 9:30
ROBOTS (PG) (1:35 2:40 3:45 4:55) 6:15 8:55
HOSTAGE (R) (2:55 5:25) 7:55 10:25
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THE PACIFIER (PG) (1:20 3:50)
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THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (2:35) 6:15
FINDING NEVERLAND (PG) (11:10) A.M.
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THE PACIFIER (PG) (12:40 3:00 5:20) 7:40 10:00
HITCH (PG-13) (1:15 4:05) 7:00 9:45
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Pyramid Atlantic Art Center: Billy Colbert, multi-layered silkscreen prints about D.C.'s poverty. Trish Till-

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Renwick Gallery: High Fiber. Fiber art from quilts to tapestries to baskets, through July 10. 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW; 202-633-1000.

S. Dillon Ripley Center: Miracle Under the Waves: Undersea photography of coral reefs, through May 1. 1100 Jefferson Drive SW; 202-633-1000.

Target Gallery: Fertile Earth: Islamic Influence in Contemporary Ceramics, through April 24. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565.

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DO THE JUMBLE: Chicago native Frank Smith's works are improvisational, African-inspired canvases made by draping together disjointed pieces. "Flying Home," above, proves his home life is colorful, and very messy.

Textile Museum: Beyond the Bag: Textiles as Containers, demonstrating the beauty and utility of textile bags, through June 5. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441.

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Zenith Gallery: Re-Vision: The Silver Anniversary of Neon Art at Zenith, through April 17. 413 7th St NW; 202-783-2963.

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Afterplay: Characters from Anton Chekhov meet in a Moscow cafe, through April 17, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 2 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), 7 p.m. (Sun.), \$25-\$48. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300.

LAST CHANCE The All Night Strut! A classy and sassy musical with tunes from the 1930s and 40s, through March 27, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 2 & 7 p.m. (Sun.), \$32-\$37. Metro Stage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria; 703-548-9044.

Betty Rules! The Exception to the Musical: Musical about the rock band Betty, performed by the band itself, through April 3, 7:30 p.m. (Thu. & Sun.), 8 p.m. (Sat.), 3 p.m. (Sun.), \$25-\$36. District of Columbia Jewish Community Center, 1529 16th St. NW; 202-777-3229.

Columbinus: Dramatic account of the Columbine High School shootings, through April 3, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 3 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), 7:30 p.m. (Sun.), \$30-\$35. Round House Theatre, 8641 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 240-644-1100.

Deaf West's Big River: Broadway musical using deaf and hearing actors in spoken English, sign language, dance and song, through May 1, 7:30 p.m. (Thu & Sat.), 2:30 & 7:30 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), \$25-\$48. Ford's Theatre, 511 10th St NW; 202-347-4833.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Moby Dick Rehearsed: American Century Theater. In Orson Welles' play, a theater director wants his troupe to perform the great whale story his way, through March 30, \$23-\$26. The Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; 703-553-8782.

The Goat or Who Is Sylvia? A married man's life turns to shambles when he falls in love with ... another in this controversial Edward Albee play, through April 17, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 2 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), 7:30 p.m. (Sun.), \$45-\$60. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-488-3300.

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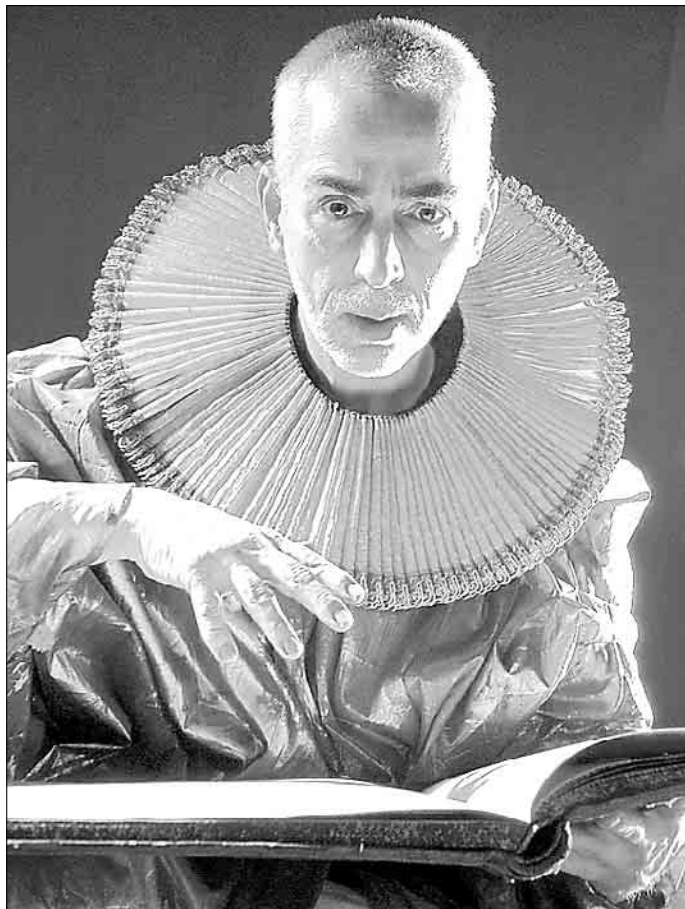
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Anytime: Washington Shakespeare Company. A woman with a past is bedeviled by the presence of a mysterious hustler, through April 3; \$22-\$30. Clark Street Playhouse, 601 S. Clark St., Arlington; 800-494-8497.

Mister Roberts: War is comedy aboard ship in this classic play from the 1940s, through April 3, 7:30 p.m. (Thu.-Sun.), 1:30 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), \$25-\$78. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

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Acrobats of Taiwan: An action-packed program of dangerous and delicate ancient Chinese folk arts, March 26, 2 p.m., 8 p.m., \$21-\$42. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Dr., Fairfax; 703-993-8888.

Petite Rouge: A Cajun Red Riding Hood: This spicy musical version of the Red Riding Hood story is set in the bayou, through April 3, 3:30 & 7 p.m. (Sat.), 2:30 & 3:30 p.m. (Sun.), \$10-\$15. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660.

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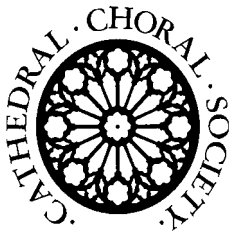
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THURSDAY

While no more tickets remain for the popular Bhangra Blowout at Constitution Hall Saturday night, there's always a slew of performances and parties leading up to the event. Here's a rundown of some unofficial "kickoff" festivities:

At **FELIX**, DJ Bikram Keith spins hip-hop and bhangra. Admission is \$5 before 10:30 p.m. Fur is the site of another kickoff bash, with 10 DJs spinning throughout the massive club. Hip-hop and Desi music are on the agenda at **MCCXXIII**, where South Asian Soul hosts its own Bhangra Blowout party. From 10 p.m. to midnight, admission is free. Sign up through southasiansoul.com.

FRIDAY

Veteran merengue artist Wilfrido Vargas had his biggest hits in the '70s and '80s, but the Dominican trumpeter and bandleader hasn't slowed down. He appears at **H2O**, where we'll guarantee the whole room will be dancing. Get on the guest list at www.h2odc.com for

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NOT TOO YOUNG TO ROCK: The Rhodes Tavern Troubadours are one of Washington's better roots-rock bands among grownup and wee fans alike.

free admission, an open bar and a Latin buffet until 11 p.m.

The bhangra action isn't letting up tonight. At **FUR**, the four DJs known as DC's Dynasty take to the stage, alongside DJ G2 and others, plus live dhol drummers. Tickets are \$20 in advance from www.bb2k5.com. Russell Peters' Gaston Hall comedy show is sold out, but the after-party is at **VIDA**, where DJ Dynamix spins hip-hop, reggae and bhangra.

SATURDAY

The area around Capitol South, Eastern Market and Barracks has a number of watering holes worth visiting outside of happy hour. Fritz wrote about a trio of bars on the rapidly developing Barracks Row last week — Marty's, the Ugly Mug and Tapatinis — and all three are participating in the **CAPITOL HILL BUNNY HOP BAR CRAWL**, which takes in a number of bars. Sign up from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Hawk and Dove, then get food and drink specials until 9 p.m. Hit lindy promo.com to sign up in advance.

Rhodes Tavern Troubadours recorded a kids' album called "Turn It Up Mommy!" after a few of the guys became parents. Now they have a whole new generation of fans. The RTTs (as they're known to the 10-and-under set) are performing two shows today at Silver Spring's **HALF MOON BBQ**. The family-friendly set runs from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

RockStar DJ Smackdown! Q and Not U and Interpol go head-to-head as Interpol bassist Carlos D will be spinning at **DC9's** Electrotease party after his band's sold-out show at the 9:30 Club. A few blocks away, hometown boy John Davis (DJJD) is the guest selector at the monthly Bliss dance party at the **BLACK CAT**.

SUNDAY

Anyone looking for old-school funk, '70s soul, Afrobeat, hip-hop, etc. should get over to the **REEF** tonight. DJs Orbit122 and Eurok hold it down in the tropical Lush bar, providing a thick layer of grooves while the crowd sips beer and \$5 Grey Goose or Hpnotiq cocktails. There's no cover; turntables start spinning at 10 p.m.

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columbinus

By the United States Theatre Project
Conceived and Directed by PJ Paparelli

March 3 - April 3

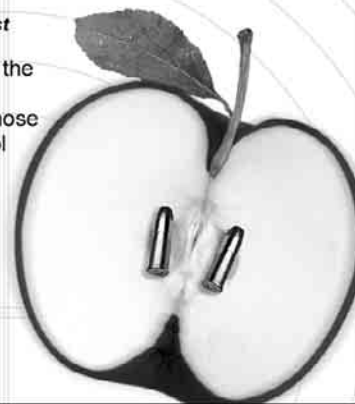
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